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Kohl still faces row over policies

BONN, March 24 (R) — Christian Demo-crat (CDU) West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl faces further policy disputes in his three-party coalition despite agreement on a joint government program, political commentators said Thursday.

The CDU and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), set the seal on seven days of tense coalition talks late Wednesday night by adopting a package of public spending cuts and measures to combat unemployment.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democrats (FDP) had announced approval earlier after a separate meeting of their 34 parliamentary deputies.

The new parliament, elected on March 6. meets for the first time next Tuesday. His abinet is expected to be sworn in the follow-

ing day. But Kohl's authority, boosted by his couvincing election victory, could yet be tested by deep-seated differences between the liberals and FranzJosef Strauss's right-wing CSU

over foreign policy. The Nuemberger Nachrichten newspaper

summed up the view of many analysts in saying the coalition partners had "turned a blind eye" to key questions, including relations with Moscow and East Berlin.

Kohl is scheduled to meet CSU and FDP leaders again to thrash out foreign policy issues before his May 4 keynote speech to the Bundestag (lower house). Strauss said in Munich Wednesday he would continue to press CSU policies in Bonn despite his recent decision not to accept a cabinet post. The Bavarian premier seeks major foreign policy changes that conflict with Genscher's course over the last nine years. He recently presented a 27-page foreign policy document to his coalition partners proposing a tougher line against Moscow and support for South Africa and other right-wing govern-

MOSCOW, March 24 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was Thursday named first deputy prime minister by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the official news agency Tass reported.

deputy to Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov. The others are Getr Aliyev. 59, and Ivan Arkhipov, 75, though the latter is not a member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo.

Aliyev's appointment as first deputy prime minister last Nov. 24 came as a surprise only two days after he was named as a full member of the Politburo and caused speculation that he was being groomed to succeed Tikhonov.

The appointment of Gromyko is a further promotion for the man who has been foreign minister since 1957 and has come to symbolize Soviet foreign policy to the rest of the world. He has been a Politburo member since

Gromyko's advanced age makes it less than likely that his appointment is a preparation to take over from Prime Minister Tikhonov, who at 76 is only three years older.

The appointment to the first deputy premiership seems intended merely as a mark of recognition of Gromyko's long and distinguished career. The move is effectively a

for accord on pullout

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BEIRUT, March 24 (Agencies) - Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan says there will be no new concessions in talks with Israel on troop withdrawals and Lebanon demands an agreement within two weeks, according to published reports.

"The Lebanese position has reached the edge. Lebanon has given all it could give and still maintains its sovereignty and dignity," Wazzan was quoted as saying by the independent An -Nahar newspaper Thursday.

An -Nahar and other newspapers also

quoted a "responsible" Lebanese source as saying late Wednesday night that the government of President Amin Gemayel had set a time limit of two more weeks for negotiations to reach agreement with Israel on withdrawing its invasion forces from the country.

"The American proposals do not need more discussion. Either there will be an agreement, or Lebanon has to think of other alternatives," the source was quoted as saying. "This time limit is sufficient. Otherwise we are being deceived."

The source said new American proposals brought by U.S. envoy Philip Habib had been "answered by new negative proposals" from Israel that Lebanon had to reject.

The source did not say exactly what "other alternatives" Lebanon would consider if an agreement was not reached in two weeks, according to the reports, but indicated it would remain within the American propos-

The source said Lebanon would use all its influence and international ties to secure the withdrawal of foreign forces. "In doing so, it would not confine itself to fruitless negotiations, especially since the talks have exhausted all the subjects on the agenda and Lebanon cannot give anything more than it has already given," the source was quoted as

The new U.S. plan has not been released, but reportedly involves security arrangements in South Lebanon to guard Israel without the involvement of Israeli troops. The plan may involve the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, made up of U.S., French, British and Italian troops.

The American proposals also reportedly involve an informal agreement to keep the border between Israel and Lebanon open to some degree, but without a formal treaty

between the two nations. Pullout talks have hit problems over the future status of Israeli-backed militia chief Saad Haddad, an Israeli cabinet source said Thursday.

Optimism after Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir visited Washington last week has proved premature, the source said. "Some of the understandings we reached with the U.S during that trip appear to have dissolved somewhere in transit," the source

The source indicated that Israeli willingness to drop a demand for five Israelimanned military outposts in South Lebanon was conditional on Haddad and his force being absorbed into the Lebanese Army.

promotion but may not affect Gromyko's

Gromyko moves up in hierarchy

role as foreign minister. Kremlin-watchers had not expected him to move much further in the Soviet hierarchy as he lacked a particular power base with the party and has little grounding outside the world of international diplomacy. Gromyko, 73, becomes the third first

Meanwhile, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov is suffering from kidney and heart troubles, which have kept him away from his office for more than a week, Soviet sources say.

The informants agreed that Andrpov had been hospitalized and one source said he was still there Thursday. None of the reports could be officially confirmed. The state media have not mentioned that Andrpov was sick. The sources said the health problems were not life-threatening and that the 68year-old Andropov would be returning to

work soon. U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar was expected in Moscow Sunday. A clearer indication of the state of Andropov's health would be apparent if he goes ahead with a meeting with the U.N. leader, who is to leave Tuesday.

One source said Andropov's kidney ailment was chronic but that he also began suffering heart problems about two weeks ago. At this point doctors recommended he be hospitalized in Moscow for treatment and to

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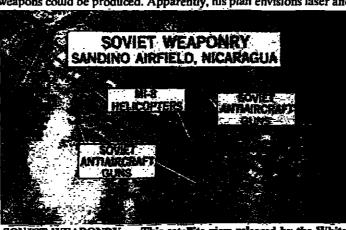
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WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said the United States will begin work on a futuristic defense system which he said could destroy Soviet missiles in flight and render 'these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete."

The plan, announced Wednesday night in a nationally broadcast speech from the Oval Office, foreshadows a major departure from three decades of strategy calling for deterring nuclear warfare with the promise of massive retaliation.

Reagan said under this plan, the United States could intercept and destroy enemy weapons before they hit American allies or the United

He said it could be the turn of the century before such defensive weapons could be produced. Apparently, his plan envisions laser and



SOVIET WEAPONRY - This satellite view released by the White House Wednesday in Washington shows Soviet weaponry located at Sandino Airfield, Nicaragua. Pointed out are MI-8 helicopters and Soviet anti aircraft guns according to the White House.

of treaty -- Soviets

MOSCOW, March 24 (Agencies) - The Soviet Union warned Thursday deployment of a futuristic defense system envisaged by U.S. President Ronald Reagan would violate existing U.S.-Soviet accords. The official news agency Tass said Reagan's plans for new weapons that could destroy Soviet missiles in flight were "a new attempt to achieve superiority in strategic weapons over the Soviet Union and to violate an approximate balance of forces created in the world."

Deployment of such systems of anti-missile defense would be a direct violation of the Soviet-American treaty on anti-ballistic missiles and its protocol," Tass said.

It added without further explanation that these accords allowed the United States to relocate existing anti-ballistic missile forces only by moving them from their base in Grand Forks, North Dakota to the area around the capital Washington.

The Soviet statement that deployment of the new systems would violate the existing treaty on anti-ballistic missiles appeared to contradict Reagan's understanding of that accord.

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"Would it not be better to save lives than to avenge them?" Reagan said. He said that after consulting with the joint chiefs of staff and other advisers, "I believe there is a better way ... that we embark on a program to counter the awesome Soviet missile threat with measures that are defensive.

He said such a system posed a "formidable technical task" that might not be accomplished before the end of the century. "Yet current technology has attained a level of sophistication where it is reasonable for us to begin this effort," Reagan said. "It will take years, probably decades, of effort on many fronts."

Reagan's proposals came as he renewed his push for a major defense buildup, even as the house neared a vote on a Democratic budget plan which would slash that increase by half.

Currently the United States and the Soviet Union are virtually banned by treaty from deploying an anti-ballistic missile system (ABM). But "tonight, consistent with our obligations under the ABM treaty and recognizing the need for close consultation with our allies. I am taking an important first step," that would employ different technologies, he said.

Specifically, Reagan said he was "directing a comprehensive and intensive effort to define a long-term research and development program to achieve our ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by strategic nuclear missiles. "This could pave the way for arms control measures to eliminate the weapons themselves," Reagan said.
"We seek neither military superiority nor political advantage,"

Reagan added. "Our only purpose - one all people share - is to search for ways to reduce the danger of nuclear war." Reagan noted the current policy of deterrence through the threat of

retaliation. "But what if free people could live secure in the knowledge that their security did not rest upon the threat of instant U.S. retaliation to deter a Soviet attack, that we could intercept and destroy strategic ballistic missiles before they reached our own soil or that of our allies?" He said that despite the difficulties, "is it not worth every investment necessary to free the world from the threat of nuclear war? We know it is."

The president said the United States would continue to pursue nuclear arms reductions, "Negotiating from a position of strength that can be ensured only by modernizing our strategic forces." At the same time, he said, the United States "must take steps to reduce the risk of a conventional military conflict escalating to nuclear war by improving our non-nuclear capabilities."

Reagan said he recognized that defensive systems "have limitations and raise certain problems and ambiguities. If paired with offensive systems, they can be viewed as fostering an aggressive policy, and no one wants that.

"But with these considerations firmly in mind," he added, "I call upon the scientific community who gave us nuclear weapons to turn their great talents to the cause of mankind and world peace to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obso-

"My fellow Americans, tonight we are launching an effort which holds the promise of changing the course of human history," said Reagan. "There will be risks, and results take time," he said. "But with your support, I believe we can do it."

In a briefing before the speech, a senior administration official: said the research will be aimed at lasers, particle-beam weapons and other futuristic technologies that might be used to shoot down incoming (Continued on back page)



Reagan seen addressing the nation on defense policy on Wednesday.

House rebuffs president

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — In a stinging rebuke to President Ronald Reagan, the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 229-196 Wednesday night a Democratic budget plan that would slash his United States defense buildup by more than half.

The vote came just as Reagan delivered a nationwide broadcast in which he called for the development of futuristic anti-missile weapons and urged Americans "to tell your senators and congressmen that you know we must continue to restore our military growth.

The plan would also raise \$30 billion in new taxes and restore \$33 billion of his proposed cuts in social programs.

It was the first time since Reagan took office in 1981 that either house of Congress signaled approval of a taxes and spending plan that he opposed.

Overall, the budget drafted by the Democratic caucus calls for spending of \$863.5 billion and leaves a deficit of \$174.5 billion. Reagan's original package, so unpopular that Republicans didn't seek a vote on it, called for less spending but had a slightly higher

The vote represented a substantial victory for House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. and the entire democratic leadership, who suffered one defeat after another at the hands of Reagan and the Republicans during the last The house plan doubtless will be revamped

in the Republican-controlled Senate, and some officials predict a gridlock as the two houses try to reach agreement on the final tax and spending prescription for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

First plastic heart recipient, Clark, dies

first and only recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center late Wednesday, his 112th day with the device. Clark, 62, died at 0502 GMT from "circulatory" collapse due to multi-organ system failure," said hospital spokesman (John Dwan. He would not elaborate immediately, but said Dr. William C. Devries, who implanted the plastic heart Dec. 2, was with

Barney Clark Clark, as was Dr. Lyle Joyce. Dwan said Clark died a quick, quiet and painless death, "in peace and with dignity." Clark's wife, Una Loy, was in an adjacent room with her brother and his wife when Clark died, said Dwan, who was pale and visibly shaken when he broke the news. "Mrs. Clark, needless to say, was tremendously saddened," Dwan said, adding that "she

was crying," but otherwise in control "I think that she's been preparing herself. She's a very bright person and she knew what was happening," he said.

Dwan said doctors planned an autopsy soon, but he did not say when. "I think as the evening wore on, it was expected," Dwan said of Clark's death. He said doctors began to believe Clark's death was imminent as Peterson was convening a news

briefing earlier in the evening. Meanwhile, a man who last month received a new heart on Wednesday became the first patient to die after being treated with a drug designed to prevent the body from rejecting a

transplanted organ. Kenneth Ingram, 28, of Gatesville. Texas, was the most recent of five patients to receive a transplanted heart in an operation in which doctors used cyclosporin A, a drug which

increases the ability of the body to fight organ rejection. He received the heart of an unidentified young man on Feb. 28.

Norway brims with oil, gas OSLO, March 24 (R) — The Norwegian to be sold in competition with gas from the Soviet Union and African nations, A high

Parliament was asked Thursday to approve exploration and development of a huge oil and gas offshore field likely to become a major supplier of gas to continental Europe for at least 50 years, in competition with Soviet gas deliveries. The Troll Field, largest of its kind the

world, is estimated to contain some 1,580 billion cubic meters of gas and 164 million tons of oil, the standing committee on energy and industry said in a proposal submitted Thursday for debate later this spring. Situated at depths of about 300 meters, it

covers an area of 700 square kilometers (270 square miles) west of Bergen. Oil experts said that deliveries to continental Europe could start in the mid 1980s. Total development costs are estimated at

over 50 billion crowns (\$7 billion) but the value of the field could exceed 2,000 billion crowns (\$285 billion), a Ministry of Energy official said.

The committee said development of the

field, expected to be Norway's largest single industrial venture, would be very costly but it stressed that its gas supplies would make it vital to cover Europe's gas needs in the first half of the next century The committee said the gas was expected

because its deliveries would represent a long-term and secure source of supply. Two years ago the Norwegian government came under pressure from the United States to increase gas exports to Western Europe to counter the expected deliveries of some 40

price was necessary to justify development of

the field but it said buyers would accept it

billion cubic meters a year of gas through the Soviet Siberian pipeline. Washington feared that the deal would make countries like West Germany and France dangerously dependent on the Soviet Union for their energy supplies.

Only one of the four blocks in the Troll Field has so far been allocated, with Norske Shell as operator. The energy and industry committee prop-

oses to make the field fully Norwegiancontrolled with the national oil company, Statoil, taking over Shell's responsibility after eight years. The three other blocks will be distributed

among the three Norwegian companies, Statoil having a share of 85 percent, the semi-state controlled Norsk Hydro 9 percent and the private Saga Petroleum 6 percent.

cause & cure baffles doctors One of the mysteries of AIDS, according to

tasks force, is "the diverse groups who are ent groups."

intravenous drug abusers, Haitians and hemophiliacs, including children, offspring of AIDS victims sometimes get the disease too. Most scientists agree AIDS is probably caused by an agent, perhaps a virus, but they have yet to find it. "People are groping at straws out there looking for cures," Dr. Curran said.

receive reports of four new cases a day. Because hemophiliacs have developed AIDS and before at least some victims are suspected of contracting it through blood transfusions, there is suspicion it is carried in the blood.

including the American Red Cross, have recommended that members of the high-risk groups for AIDS should not donate blood.

The vast majority of AIDS cases, the docmonth the city established a special municipal

The city of San Francisco, which has a very

large "gay" population and the second highest number of AIDS cases, has given some \$300,000 in emergency grants to organizations working with victims of the disease. There are organizations to help AIDS patients and their loved ones in almost a dozen major U.S. cities.

Doctors first started noticing the phenomenon in the spring of 1981, when reports of rare types of cancer and pneumonia started coming into centers for disease control.

The first cases were among "gay" men, but then the syndrome showed up in drung users, Haitian immigrants and hemophiliacs. The experts are especially at a loss to explain why Haitians have developed the syndrome. One theory is that the disease started on the island. Another is that it was brought there by

vacationing "gay" men. Many AIDS patients developed Kapos's sarcoma, a rare form of cancer of the skin or internal organs. Others contracted an

unusual form of pneumonia. Most patients came down with one or several infections normally warded off by the body's immune system. Sometimes they overcome one or more infections only to succumb to another. Researchers suspect AIDS is caused by a virus because there are other virus-caused diseases which temporarily depress the immune system, such as measles and mononucleosis.

"But in those diseases, the immune system returns to normal." Dr. Jaffe said. "With" AIDS the immune system stays abnormal."

Tough fight ahead, Mitterrand says

'PARIS, March 24 (AP) - President Francois Mitterrand, a day after trimming his cabinet down to a tight corps of 15 ministers. praised the progress of his Socialist government but warned the French people that a tough fight lies ahead. In a nationally televised speech Wednes-

day, Mitterrand said there had been more social progress and reforms in France during his 22 months in office than in the previous half-century.

"But now, we must, more than ever, win on three fronts - unemployment, inflation and foreign trade," he said. It is time, he continued, to stop the "infer-

nal machine" of inflation. "To fight inflation is to save money and the power of purchase." He called the foreign trade deficit "unsupportable" and said the public could play an important role in solving this problem by using French products "when the quality is

state budget in its current limits, support innovative and creative export businesses, develop savings to help investment in industry and housing, and train all young people in professions of the future.

Killer disease's SAN DIEGO, March 24 (R) — A killer disease whose cause and cure are unknown is baffling America's top medical investigators

and haunting U.S. cities coast to coast. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), recently discussed at a medical symposium in San Diego, is a mysterious new illness recognized less than two years ago which attacks the body's immune system,

making it incapable of fighting infections

which eventually prove fatal. The AIDS fatality rate is almost 70 percent for those who have had the disease for more than a year, reporters were told at a seminar sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"This is probably the hottest public health issue of this decade," Dr. Fred Rapp of Pennsylvania State University said. "This is most complicated. It is not a simple disease." Experts at the federal government's center for disease control in Atlanta, which helped

to track down other recent "mysterious" dis-

eases such as legionnaires disease and toxic shock syndrome, consider AIDS a much

There have been 434 deaths in the United States, giving an overall mortality rate of 36 percent, and Dr. Curran suggested the confirmed cases might be "the tip of the iceberg."

Dr. Harold Jaffe, another member of the

getting the disease — three, four, five differ-The biggest group by far, some 70 percent. are "gay" men. But AIDS also attacks

The problem continues to grow, and doctors at the Disease Control Center say they

As a result several medical authorities,

ease is of such great concern among the "gay"

health office to deal with the problem.

tors note, are among 'gay' men who admit to having many different sex partners. The discommunity in New York — where half all the AIDS cases have been reported — that this

Zamil Metric Buildings... equal." more serious problem. He said he had charged Premier Pierre Dr. James Curran, who leads the center's Ideal For: Mauroy with carrying out a rigorous plan of task force of doctors and scientists seeking action to bring inflation down to the level of **EFACTORIES EWAREHOUSES & CAMPS** the cause and cure for AIDS, said they had France's competitors, end the foreign trade received reports of 1,261 cases, including 75 **■OFFICES ■ SHOPPING CENTERS ■ OTHER** deficit in two years, keep the social security from abroad (mostly Canada, Western INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL USES system in financial balance and contain the Europe and Haiti). From Design to Manufacture & Erection.

Ethiopia, according to the ambassador, part of a Communist design, whose objetives are well known. The design, he said, we crystalized in Moscow and when Sovi

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He said that when the Soviets tried to medd in Somlia's internal affairs deplomatic rela

tions were severed. He said that Ethiopia

nourishing the war in an effort to pus

Somalia to resume relations with Moscow.

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the interests of any foreign power, nor will

bend due to any pressures," the ambassado

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paid tributes to Saudi Arabia's continue

"Not under any circumstances would

Ibrahim indicated old relations with the

Ministry disclaims brokers, agents

Petromin to market oil

RIYADH, March.24 (SPA) - The Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ministry has stressed that it was the sole party authorized to speak on behalf of the Kingdom on oil issues and had entrusted Petromin with marketing the country's oil. A ministry statement issued here Wednesday said that according to the government's oil policy no brokers or agents were allowed to market the King-

It warned against falling in the trap of those who claimed to represent the Kingdom and to be in a position to sell Saudi oil.

Full responsibility lies with anyone dealing with such pretenders and the Saudi Arabian government has nothing to do with the mat-

Solar energy to provide home power

DAMMAM, March 24 (SPA) — Studies are under way by the College of Architecture and Planning, in collaboration with the Saudi Arabian National Center for Sciences and Technology to make use of solar energy for domestic purposes, it was announced here. The college's Deputy Dean Ghazi Al-Oteibi said the studies would help turn solar energy into electricity for household use.

The college is currently doing research to safeguard archaeological sites in the Eastern Province in collaboration with the center,

There are agreements between the college and a number of U.S. universities to help promote the college scientific development program, he added

SAS plans special medical tours

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 24 - Special tours featuring individual medical checkups and preventive medicine will begin April 1 when Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) begins its "Scandinavian Wellcare" services.

Comprehensive medical examinations by a team of Swedish specialists at Stockholm's Sophiahemmet, a private hospital founded by a former queen of Sweden, is included in the service. The program also calls for medical consultants to diagnose, offer follow-up treatments, therapy and individual advice in preventive medicine and the promotion of

According to a SAS spokesman, the Wellcare flights include trips to and from Stockholm, a week's stay at the City Park Hotel, a luxury hotel close to the hospital and free time to enjoy sights and shopping. After initial extensive examinations and testing, the guest, who lives at the hotel, may also use the resources of Swedish university hospitals and other specialists.

SAS has organized the program jointly with International Medical Hospital Services (Intermed) and Wellcare Medical Services

U.S.media expert visiting Kingdom

JEDDAH, March 24 — Dr. Stanley Smith, an American professor for press and media at Arizona University who is currently on a visit to the Kingdom, has recognized and defined the difficulties and shortcomings in the United States media coverage of the Middle East. Ways of finding a solution to the problem were discussed at various meetings he held here. He proposed further re search and periodic reviews to examine the effectiveness of any possible solution.

Smith conferred here with Dr. Abdul Wahab Bagdadi, head of the Information Department at the King Abdul Aziz University Faculty of Art and delivered lectures on international communication and the Middle East media coverage.

He leaves for Riyadh Saturday to undertake similar meetings with the university dean and professors on March 29. He will leave for Dhahran on April 3 and thereafter returns home.

Smith taught international communication and press for seven years at the Michigan State University and for six years at the Arizona State University. He also organized and directed international communication seminars in Yugoslavia between 1970 and 1972 with international participants and media experts from 18 nations.

Such seminars have gone a long way in providing opportunities to young journalists to get acquainted with various press systems and practices and examine how they are applied in specific social, economic and political circumstances.

In 1972, he founded an association for international communication seminars with its headquarters in Zurich with a view to dealing with the problem of communication between the countries operating under the philosophy that any improvement in international communication can be achieved only by increasing knowledge and understanding of foreign cultures and conditions.



ul-Haq on the occasion of his country's National Day, King Fahd wished the Pakistani people inned progress and welfare. The Pakistani Embassy marked the occasion Wednesday by holding a simple but impressive fing-raising ceremony in the embassy compound which was attended by a large number of dignituries. Najmus Saqib Khan, Pakistan's ambassador to the Kingdom, hosted a reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to mark the occasion.

Picture shows Khan, (fourth from left), flanked on his right by Habib Chatti, secretary-

meral of the Organization of Islamic Conference, and on his left by Prince Mamdouh ibn Abdul Aziz and other guests.

French delegation

RIYADH (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard received here Wednesday a French delegation led by Andre' Billon, the ruling party's deputy chairman for foreign affairs at the National Assembly and head of the French-Saudi Arabian Friendship Group. The delegation is currently on a visit to Saudi Arabia. Later, the delegation conferred with Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

Report denied RIYADH (SPA) - Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail has denied a report published by a Kuwaiti magazine claiming that a consortium of Saudi and Kuwaiti banks had granted a loan to a Jewish company, Montana. The minister said in a statement that following investigations it was established that the report, by Al-Rissalah magazine, was

unfounded. Talal donates SR100,000

ABHA - Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, the special envoy of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and head of the Arab Gulf Fund, has donated SR100,000 annually to the Abha Women Philanthropic Foundation,

Checking speed limits
MAKKAH (SPA) — The Makkah Traffic Department has started the use of a special radar system to check on cars exceeding the speed limits, it was officially announced here Thursday. The announcement said the new system was fixed in traffic patrol cars on highways and that it was efficient in apprehending speed violators.

Medical drug banned RIYADH (SPA) — The Health Ministry has cautioned travelers coming to the Kingdom against bringing with them the medical drug Zomax, known scientifically by the name Zombirac, because of its ill-effects. The ministry noted that the drug, used in treating rheumatism, was unavailable locally. There have been reports recently about withdrawing the drug from world markets after harmful side effects were detected.

New Education system

JEDDAH (SPA) - The Education Ministry has endorsed a new system for secondary education after its ratification by the Higher Committee on Education Policy, the Western Region's director general of education, Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, said. Dr. Zaid said the new system would come into effect in the next academic year and would be implemented over a four-year period.

Sandi-Tunisian ties

TUNIS (SPA) - Saudi Arabian Minister of State Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, has praised relations with Tunisia, describing them as excellent. Speaking after a meeting with Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mzali. Masoud said cooperation between the two sisterly Arab states was proceeding well. He idded that the recently concluded brotherhood agreement between Algeria and Tunisia was a great achievement.

JEDDAH, March 24 — The Kingdom's role in extending support to sisterly countries has been praised in a statement here by Somali Ambassador Abdullahi Haji Ibrahim. He

to much more assistance at all levels saying that the Kingdom represents the major source of consolidation and support in the During meetings with King Fahd, the

told Okaz that Somalia is looking forward

crown prince and senior government officials, Ibrahim said he felt true sisterly sentiments toward Somalia, underscoring the importance of the role being played by the

The circumstances arising from the con-tinuation of the war of attrition with

Day of the Land Fateh celebrates

AL-IHSA, Saudi Arabia, March 24 (SPA) - The Fatch Palestine commando movement held a rally here Wednesday night commemorating the Day of the Land.

Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Jiliwi, governor of Al-Ihsa Province, in a speech reaffirmed the Kingdom's stand on the Palestine cause, namely supporting the Palestinian

people's struggle.

The occasion triggers mass demonstration in occupied territories against Israeli occup tion of Arab land.

Bahrain ruler receives Fahd's note It was announced that during the audience

Somali ambassador praises

Kingdom's aid to Arab world

MANAMA, March 24 (SPA) - Sheikh Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, the ruler of Bahrain, has received a written message from King Fahd dealing with brotherly ties, Arab developments and questions of mutual interest. The message was delivered Wednesday by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, who arrived here earlier in the day for a three-day visit to Bahrain.

est to both countries were reviewed. The meeting was attended by Bahrain Minister for Development and Industry Youssef Ahmad Shirawi and the Saudi Ara bian Ambassador to Bahrain Abdul-Rahma

National University, said cultural exchange

will go a long way in promoting mutus friendship between the two countries.

Nam, who has been with the Ministry

Culture and Information for the last 15 years

said this is his first foreign assignment and h

is hopeful of presenting the importance of hi

country, predominantly an agricultural on

now making tremendous industrial progress

returned home at the termination of hi

Nam succeeds Hyun Woong Shin who ha

bilateral relations and certain issues of inter

Korean official aims to cement ties

JEDDAH, March 24 - Promoting cultural exchanges between Korea and the

By a Staff Writer

Nam, 42, who holds a master's degree in

Kingdom, propagating the rich cultural heritage of Korea and improving the ties between the two countries are among the objectives that In-Kie Nam, the new press cultural attache of the embassy of the Republic of Korea, will pursue during his assignment

mass communication from the Seoul

Uga**ndan Muslims get 60,000 Q**ur'ans

NAIROBI, March 24 (AP) - Sixty thousand copies of the Holy Qur'an have arrived in Uganda by air from Saudi Arabia, Radio Uganda reported Thursday. The state-owned radio said in a braodcast monitored here that it was the first consignment of a total 300,000 copies of the Qur'an donated

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Arafat calls for close Arab, African ties

TUNIS, March 24 (AFP) - Yasser Arafat, the chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization, has called for direct aid between Arab and African states.

 Addressing the closing session of the Permanent Commission for Arab-African Cooperation here Wednesday, the Palestinian leader warned," Without economic cooperation there will be no political cooperation and we shall all lose by that."

"We talk a lot, but people need to eat," he said. African and Arab countries, despite often rich soil, imported heavily and could not even feed their children. If Europe had managed to band together economically in the European Common Market, others could do it, Arafat said. But so far most of the resolutions of the 1977 Arab-African summit in Cairo had remained a dead letter.

The Palestinian leader attacked the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which he said was "keeping us in chains." Calling for close economic cooperation between Arab and African states, he said we are all prisoners of IMF, international banks and world imperialism. Transnational companies tell us what to do, our resources are mopped up by foreign countries and our economies perish. Some African countries were crushed by having to pay up to 20 percent interest on loans to foreign banks, he said.

"We must recover our own resources," he urged. "It is no longer a matter of North-South dialogue, but of hunger. We are 62 members of the United Nations - two-thirds of the nonaligned bloc. Can we do nothing?" he asked his audience.

Arafat reproached African states which accepted aid from Israel and wanted to renew diplomatic ties with it. "All Israeli aid, whatever form it takes, hurts the Third World," he

Japan woos PLO

TOKYO, March 24 (AFP) - In a move interpreted by diplomats here as a bid by the Japan to strengthen its ties with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the government has invited the chief of the PLO's Tokyo office to a party marking Emperor Hirohito's birthday, Foreign Ministry sources said.

said, exhorting Africans to prevent Israel from regaining a foothold in the continent. With the secretary-generals of the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity, Chedli Klibi and Edem Kodjo, listening, he called for an urgent and genuine joint development plan -- "straightforward, clear, scientific and without slogans. The longer we wait, the tighter the vice will become," he warned.

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Thousands fleeing Ethiopian drought, war-stricken areas Sudan unable to cope with

mass influx GEDAREF, Sudan, March 24 (WP) -Hundreds of half-starved peasants from drought-stricken regions of northern Ethiopia have begun crossing into Sudan in what some relief officials fear may be the start

of an exodus involving tens of thousands. The Ethiopian government and two opposition groups fighting the provinces of Eritrea and Tigray say that the situation is "extremely serious," probably the most severe since a 1973-74 drought in the areas

Mark Bowden, an official of the British Save the Children Fund who recently completed a visit to Ethiopia, has warned that there is a "real risk" of famine for 3.5 million people living in the affected areas and that tens of thousands of lives" are at stake.

led to the death of an estimated 200,000 peo-

Another outside witness, a sociology professor from Britain's Durham University who just spent three months in Tigray, gave a similar account. In a public report, Jon Bennett said he had seen "many hundreds moving westward" inside Tigray, "carrying only a few household possessions on their backs."

He said about 250 families per day were migrating from the most affected areas in the northeast and south toward the west, where there is still some food. Some 2,000 peasants

had crossed into Sudan, he said. Sudanese officials, already coping with 440,000 Ethiopian refugees and 170,000 Ugandans in the south, said they will not be able to deal with a large new influx of Ethio-

The Ethiopian government, the Tigray People's Liberation Front opposition group and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front are appealing for international assistance to stop an exodus into Sudan. But they disagree on how such aid should be distributed, with the opposition groups claiming that they control most of the areas where the droughtafflicted population lives and therefore it should go through them.

During the great drought of 1973-74, international relief agencies failed to respond because the late Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie tried to cover up the disaster and barred access to the starving peasants. Today, only the Save the Children Fund appears to be mobilizing to help. One Washingtonbased group, the International Rescue Committee, has been winding down its activities here.

A spokesman for the State Departmentsupported committee, Jon Eklund, said in Washington that as a result of the reports from the drought area, "we are going to stay on" in Sudan. He said seven staff members are providing medical, sanitation and educational aid at four refugee camps.

The United Nations has not surveyed the likelihood of an influx of famine victims. Yet a U.N. High Commission for Refugees mission that visited here in November concluded that a contingency plan for emergency aid

was needed "due to the uncertainty of the general situation."

The U.N. commission's representative in Khartoum, Robert Muller, said, "everybody knows there is a problem in Ethiopia. Whether they (the refugees) will move or not move is a different problem." Muller said he was "certain" that the situation was worse than in the past two years.

Muller also said drought victims were not the concern of his office, because they were not classified officially as "refugees." The United Nations has a special disaster relief agency that deals with such emergencies, he

The U.N. commission's representative here, Peter Parr, seemed to agree with Muller that reports of a probable mass influx into Sudan were speculative. On the basis of information available, he said, "I would not say there is a terrible drought, certainly not enough to generate tens of thousands coming over. But it's worthwhile being prepared."

The U.N. High Commission for Refugees, for reasons that have nothing to do with the current drought in Ethiopia, is opening a center 40 miles northeast of here at Showat capable of receiving 5,000 refugees.

The U.N. agency's count of registered Ethiopian refugees shows a big jump to a monthly average of 300 to 400 starting last April, apparently because of bad weather and fighting in Tigray province near Eritrea.

The start of an Ethiopian Army offensive to crush the Tigray People's Liberation Front is likely to aggravate the situation. The army is expected to try to seize the freedom fighters' food supplies in the better-off western

part of Tigray. If it succeeds, the numbers fleeing into Sudan seem certain to increase.

Ismael Ebrahim, the Sudanese assistant commissioner for refugees, said in an interview here that he thought the situation was "not as serious as the drought of 1973. "But he added that "it's getting worse and worse as

the food supply in Western Tigray goes."
He said the Relief Society of Tigray, a group associated with the Tigray fighters, is trucking 400 tons of food into the province monthly to aid drought victims and trying to keep them from streaming into Sudan for

If this fails, he said, "thousands and thousands" of peasants would come across seeking assistance. "I don't think we have the capacity to cope with that. "He said Sudanese grain stocks were low this year because of a poor harvest around Gedaref, which is the country's main agricultural center.

Ebrahim said 30 to 50 Ethiopians were

arriving daily at his office seeking help and that 60 to 100 were drifting into Gedaref, while others were waiting at the border. Roughly 50 persons, mostly single men, could be seen waiting outside his office the day two U.S. reporters visited last month.

At Tawawa, a settlement outside Gedaref for Ethiopian refugees, a newly arrived Ethiopian, Gebre Amlak, 38, said he had walked for one month from his village near Makele, the Tigrayan provincial capital. He said he was seeking work and food in Sudan while his family was still at home.

He said that he and nine other men had traveled mostly by night because of the fighting in Tigray.

newspaper Pravda complained Wednesday

TEL AVIV (AP) - The army says it

detained 30 persons Wednesday from the

occupied West Bank town of Bir Zeit, 12

kilometers north of occupied Jerusalem, on

suspicion of painting anti-Israeli slogans in

incorporate its Lebanese ally, Maj. Saad

Haddad, into the Lebanese Army is a major

obstacle in the U.S.-mediated troop with-

drawal talks between Israel and Lebanon,

Israeli newspapers reported Thursday.

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Foreign Minis-

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ter Gilles Lamontagne conferred Thursday

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TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel's demand to

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N. African unity seen within reach

TUNIS, March 24 (AFP) - North African unity is "within reach" and a summit meeting between Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria should be held as soon as possible, Moroccan Premier Maati Bouabid said in a Tunisian radio interview broadcast here Wednesday.

He stressed the importance of the Algerian-Tunisian friendship treaty signed during the recent visit to Tunis of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and the earlier meeting between President Chadli and Moroccan King Hassan II in Rabat.

The creation of a greater Mahgreb (North Africa) was "hardly difficult," he said, but counselled caution and the building of unity

Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi conferred in Fez Wednesday with King Hassan and reported to him on Chadli's visit to Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.

Riot-torn Karachi returns to normal

KARACHI, March 24 (AP) -Authorities said the situation returned to normalcy in Karachi following five days of bloody riots between the rival sectarians that left at least 10 persons dead and more than 100 wounded.

An official statement said curfew restrictions imposed on the Karachi district of Liquatabad were relaxed twice for seven hours here more than 500,000 people. The statement said "no untoward incident" took place Wednesday.

City authorities imposed a curfew there last Friday in an attempt to quel the riots and sporadic shootouts, which also damaged private and public buildings.

The riots broke out in Liaquatabad last Friday when gun shots were reportedly fired on Sunnites in an area where several hundred people had gathered for Friday prayers.

EEC stand hailed

ABU DHABI, March 24 (R) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Thursday welcomed a statement on the Middle East by West European leaders criticizing Israel's settlement policy. "The statement indicates some progress

which serves peace in the Middle East and strengthens ties between European countries and the Arab world," the official Emirates News Agency quoted Foreign Ministry undersecretary Abdul Rahman Jarwan as

Afghan leaders meet with pope

VATICAN CITY, March 24 (AFP) -Pope John Paul II met briefly with three members of the Afghan resistance, a communique issued by the Vatican reported.

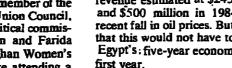
European Socialist parliamentarian Carlo Ripa di Meana, who as deputy president of the International Solidarity Committee with the Afghan Resistance accompanied the three resistance leaders, said the pope had pledged to pray for the Afghan people.

The three leaders explained the "struggle of the Afghan people, who are the victims of Soviet aggression, to the pope Wednesday, Ripa di Meana said.

The three, Azizullah Lodin, deputy head of the political department and a member of the Afghan Mujahedeen Islamic Union Council, Abdur Rahim, head of the political commission of Jamiat Islami Afghan and Farida Ahmadi, a member of the Afghan Women's Revolutionary Association, are attending a meeting in Rome.

In another development, French doctors who have worked in Afghanistan have been asked to "surrender" to the Afghan Embassy in Paris on Friday in solidarity with a French doctor recently jailed for eight years in

The doctor, Philippe Augoyard, aged 29, ization International Medical Aid (IMA).



Egyptian Soviet relations, declining since 1972, have improved and he expects the two countries to exchange ambassadors this year. All made the forecast in an interview with

In a wide-ranging foreign policy review, Ali said President Hosni Mubarak, during a Far Eastern tour next month, will seek a halt to North Korean arms aid to Iran in its war

Egypt not to make nuclear weapons

TOKYO, March 24 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview published Thursday that his coun-

try had no plans to develop nuclear weapons. President Mubarak, told the Japanese daily Mainichi said: "Egypt is not thinking at all of developing nuclear weapons. (We) are consolidating a wish to turn the whole Middle East into a non-nuclear zone.

Asked about rumors that Israel had nuclear weapons, he replied: "We have no reliable information as to whether Israel possesses nuclear weapons."

He said Egypt would suffer a drop in oil revenue estimated at \$245 million this year and \$500 million in 1984 because of the recent fall in oil prices. But he was confident that this would not have too much effect on Egypt's: five-year economic plan, now in its He said Egypt wanted to normalize rela-

tions with the Soviet Union. This would be done after both sides confirmed that Moscow would not interfere in Egypt's internal Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said

the weekly magazine Al Mussawar.

BRI PARIS (R) — Spanish Vice-Premier developments. MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party

Alfonso Guerra was received Thursday by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on the third day of an official visit to Algeria, the Algerian news agency Aps monitored in Paris

ISTANBUL (AFP) — Six persons died in a clash here on Wednesday night between security forces and extreme left wing militants, three of them policemen and three alleged terrorists, an informed source said Thursday.

ISTANBUL (R) — Four Turkish fisher-men were killed and three seriously hurt when they tried to dismantle a World War I torpedo they caught in their nets in the Bosphorus Wednesday, police said. The torpedo fuse exploded after the men brought it ashore, police said, adding that it would have been far worse if the main charge of hundreds of kilograms of TNT had exploded. TEL AVIV (R) - Hundreds of Muslim

religious leaders in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh demonstrated Thursday against Israel's arrest earlier this week of one of their colleagues, an Israeli source said. Pupils in nearby village schools demonstrated and refused to attend classes. TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli soldiers shot and

wounded three Lebanese civilians when several hundred demonstrators blocked the coastal road between Tyre and Beirut, military sources said. LONDON (R) - Iranian government

forces killed 30 Kurdisi western town of Bukan Wednesday, Tehran radio reported.

MANAMA (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym conferred here Wednesday with Bahrain's leaders on prospects for an European role in Mideast peacemaking and on current political and economic

with his Egyptian counterpart Field Marshal Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala on bilateral military cooperation.

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NEW YORK, March 24 (AP) - Michael

Jackson's "Bill'e Jean" enjoyed a third week

Wednesday at the top of the pop singles

And it was week No. 3 in second place on

the Cashbox magazine chart for Culture

Club's "Do you Really Want to Hurt Me."

Lionel Richie's "You Are" stayed on for a

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash -

1. (1) Billie Jean — Michael Jackson.

2. (2) - Do you Really Want to Hurt Me

4. (4) Hungary Like the Wolf — Duran

5. (6) Back on the Chain Gang - Preten-

7. (9) One on One - Daryl Hall and John

9. (13) Come on Eileen - Dexy's Mid-

10. (11) Separate Ways (Worlds Apart) -

The ten top country-western singles, as

rated by Cashbax, with last week's positions

3. (1) Swingin' — John Anderson. 4. (5) When Γm Away From You — The

5. (6) I have Loved You, Girl - Earl

6. (8) We've got Tonight - Kenny Rogers

7. (9) You Don't Know Love - Janie

8. (10) Reasons to Quit - Merle Haggard

9. (12) My First Taste of Tears - Ed

10. (11) Hangin' Around - The Whites.

In England, Style Council, one of the new-

est of Britian's new wave outfits, rolled into

the top spot of Britain's best-selling singles

chart this week with "Speak Like a Child."

Bonnie Tyler's first major hit, "Total Eclipse

of the Heart." But Duran Duran, a stylish

Scottish band, leapt into the No. 4 spot from

nowhere with "Is There Something I should

Know?" and looked a strong contender for

This week's top 10 as listed by Melody

1. (9) Speak Like a Chid — Style Council.

2. (1) Total Eclipse of the Heart - Bonnie

3. (2) Sweet Dreams are Made of This -

5. (3) Rock the Boat - Forrest.

6. (4) Billie Jean - Michael Jackson.

They ousted gravel-voiced Welsh Singer

(3) Shine On — George Jones.
 (4) Dixieland Delight — Alabama.

box, with last week's positions in brackets:

second straight week in third position.

3. (3) You Are - Lionel Richie.

6. (5) Stray cat Strut - Stray Cats.

8. (12) Mr. Roboto — Styx.

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Journey.

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Thomas Conley.

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and Willie Nelson.

record charts in the United States.

Poll laws signed in **Juatemala**

GUATEMALA CITY, March 24 (AP) -President Efrain Rios Montt celebrated the first anniversary of the coup that put him in power by signing three election laws on Wednesday and calling on all Guatemalans to participate in "the political opening." "We are all Guatemalans, there is no left and right," he declared.

The laws - providing for voter registration, organization of political parties and establishment of an independent electoral council - laid the groundwork for election of an independent of a constituent assembly to restore civilian government.

Rios Montt refused at a news conference to say when the election might be held. But he hinted previously it might be before the end of the year.

Coming to power in a coup "is a very Guatemalan pratice," he told the news conference, but if he catches anyone plotting to oust him, he'll "send them off to be shot."

The Christian Democratic Party later called on Rios Montt to set a date for the elections without delay. A statement from the party said the government should "issue immediately the call to elections as was prom-

ised." The "day of national dignity" began with lifting the state of siege Rios Montt imposed July 1. This restored such rights as the holding of public meetings, the inviolability of the mails, freedom from search without a warrant and freedom of information.

However, the president retains sweeping legislative powers, and the secret courts set up under the state of siege, which sent 15 men to death before firing squads, will continue to

"A year ago, a group of younger officers decided to end an abusive and corrupt process that during many years maintained an anti-patriotic order," Rios Montt said after of a three-man military junta which he later disbanded when he named himself president.

P-2 chief Gelli

GENEVA, March 24 (R) - Italian industrialist Licio Gelli, who headed the illegal Masonic Lodge "Propaganda 2." was given a suspended two-month prison sentence by a Geneva court Wednesday for entering Swit-

zerland illegally. Gelli, arrested here last September on an international warrant, was charged with using a false Argentine passport in the name of Marco Bruno Ricci to enter Switzerland. His lawyers did not deny the charge but said Gelli came to Switzerland to seek asylum and was opposing an extradition request made by

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WARM WELCOME: Mrs. Hazel Hawke, wife of Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke (right) greets Princess Diana warmly when she and her husband Prince Charles (left) arrived Thursday at the RAAF base in Canberra.

Royal couple meet Hawkes

CANBERRA, Australia, March 24 (AP) - Prince Charles, the future King of England, met Thursday with Prime Minister Bob Hawke, whose Labor Party is committed to ending Australia's links with the British monarchy. It was a warm welcome, in chilly

Prince Charles and his wife, Princess Diana arrived in Canberra, from the ranch in Albury 90 miles away which they have made their headquarters for their month-long tour of Australia

They were greeted in bitter autumn weather by the governor general, Sir Ninian Stephen, who introduced them to Hawke and his wife Hazel.

Hawke, a former trade union leader, has said he expects Australia to become a republic in his lifetime. Hawke, however, has also said he does not consider a republic to be a priority of his government, which was elected March 5. "Prince Charles is a nice young bloke," he said during his campaign.

The royal couple arrived in Australia Sunday and toured the outback towns of Tennanl Creek and Ayres Rock before flying to -Albury to join their mine-month old son Prince William.

They were greeted Wednesday by a 21-gun salute in Canberra and went on to tour the Australian capital and lunch with the Hawkes. They also visited the construction site for Australia's \$250 million new parliament house, where they were again faced with a supporter of an Australian republic.

A construction worker, Stan Spurek, 25, handed a republican flag to the princess as she toured the site. Other building workers walked off the job to protest the visit.

At a civic reception in Canberra, Prince Charles emphasized the ties that bind England and its former colony.

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Gelli, who is currently in detention, did not attend the court hearing. His lawyers said this was to avoid publicity. In Berne, a spokesman for the Justice and Police Ministry said Gelli would remain in jail "on extradition grounds" until Switzerland's federal court in Lausanne ruled on the case.

Italy formally requested Gelli's extradition from Switzerland soon after his arrest in September. He was charged in his absence with "political and economic espionage" by an

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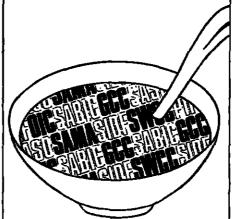
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Gelli was arrested on Sept. 13 at a Geneva bank, where he was trying to unfreeze funds totaling tens of millions of dollars in a secret numbered account, according to Geneva police. The government of Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani, which took office in October 1980, fell in May 1981 after it became known that Gelli's "P-2" organization included some 1,000 of the most powerful figures in Italy. Italian magistrates believed it was plotting to destroy Italy's con-

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Top 4 discs France to delay N-tests

PARIS, March 24 (AFP) - France has decided to delay nuclear tests this year on its Pacific Mururoz atoll testing site, the Defense Ministry reported. But Defense Ministry sources did not indicate why or for how long this year's scheduled tests had been postponed. They said the 1983 test program was nevertheless expected to be completed as planned.

Defense Minister Charles Hernu said Wednesday the underground tests had been delayed for a few weeks "for technical and meteorological reasons" and stressed that this in no way affected the government's October 1981 nuclear arms program. "Nuclear armament is a national priority," he said. "The government has not changed its attitude.

The daily Le Monde said that the beginning of the 1983 testing program on the atoll, in French Polynesia, was initially scheduled for late last month.

This year's nuclear tests notably involve further research on the development of a French neutron bomb, but its production can only begin on direct orders from President Francois Mitterrand, who so far has withheld any such decision. The Mururoa atoll testing program, which remains strictly secret, is aimed at furthering French nuclear technology to boost the country's nuclear deterrent policy.

Testing at the site has so far facilitated the development of tactical and strategic nuclear weaponry. Current tests involve warheads for the Hades air-air tactical nuclear missile, due to replace the pluton in 1991.

Current nuclear research also involves medium-range missile warheads to equip the Mirage IV fighter bombers of the strategic air force as from 1985. The same type of warbead will later be used to arm air force Mirage 2000's and navy Super Etendards.

Zimbabwe brands newsman

HARARE, March 24 (AFP) - The Zimbabwe government declared the Harare correspondent of The Guardian newspaper. Nick Worrall, "an undesirable person and an enemy of the people" as a result of articles in his paper on brutality by the army and political upheaval in the country.

The statement from Information Minister Nathan Shamuyarira did not make clear whether Worrail would be expelled from Zimbabwe because of the three-article series written by another Guardian staffer who recently visited Zimbabwe. It said his accredition was being withdrawn.

It was the first time the Robert Mugabe government had acted against a locally based correspondent in nearly three years of Zimbabwe's independence. Last month, the South Africa-based correspondent of the American magazine Newsweek, Holger Jensen, was barred from returning to Zimbabwe after his article in February on army atrocities

in the southwestern province of Matabele-

Most foreign correspondents in Harare have reported on the numerous accounts of army brutality, estimating that : more than 1,000 civilians have been killed in Matabeleland during the army's two-month drive against anti-government dissidents and their supporters.

The government and government-controlled press have accused the foreign press of fabricating accounts of the situation in Matabeleland, although Minister of State for Defense Sydney Sekeramayi has acknowledged in parliament that it was inevitable civilians suffer in such operations.

The information minister also attacked Worrall personally, saying he had "consistently falsified the position of the government and the people of Zimbabwe." He was accused of going "out of his way" in Matabeleland "to give credence to allegations he knew were unfounded."

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former astronaut John Glenn will announce his candidacy for the 1984 U.S presidential elections April 21, his campaign manager announced here. The Ohio senator will be the fifth Democratic candidate for the presidential

TOKYO (AFP) - Sweden's Sven Olof Kronograd, inventor of the gas turbine engine for automobiles, died here of a heart attack on March 15, the Swedish Embassy announced Thursday. Kronograd, 62, was in Tokyo on a private visit to Japan. His body was flown back to Sweden last Sunday.

KATMANDU (AP) — Twelve-year-old Crown Prince Deependra will undergo gall bladder surgery in Britain, the royal palace announced here Thursday. The crown prince is leaving Nepal in about two weeks for Lon-

LONDON (AFP) — Stuart Young, a 48-year-old accountant, has been appointed chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) from Aug. 1, the prime minister's office announced. He succeeds George

Howard, who will complete his term of office

LOBAMBA, Swaziland (AP) - Two days after she dismissed the last prime minister, Swaziland's queen regent named a littleknown bureaucrat to the job Wednesday. Prince Bhekimpi was not even at the meeting here when the country's chiefs met to hear the widow of the late King Sobhuza II announce his appointment. Police and soldiers immediately fanned out looking for the nephew of the king, locating him outside the capital, Mbabane, and informing him of his new assignment.

LONDON (AFP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will pay a state visit to Sweden from May 25 to 28, Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday.

PEKING (AFP) - Chen Xitong, 53, has been elected mayor of this Chinese capital of more than nine million people, with a pledge. to pay particular attention to controlling environmental pollution and improving water, electricity and gas supplies, New China News Agency said Thursday.

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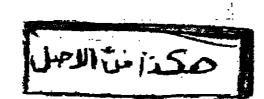
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Announcement likely tomorrow

apan may ease import curbs

TOKYO, March 24 (AFP) — The Japanese government will shortly put measures before parliament to make it easier for foreign products to compete on the Japanese market, The Asahi Shimbun paper reported Thursday.

The measures, to be announced on Saturday, are intended to modify industrial norms to bring them more into line with international norms, and to change registration procedures for some manufactured goods. In accordance with a decision taken in January by the authorities, some 30 laws have been scrutinized by a special interministerial

committee headed by government spokes-man Masaharu Gotoda. The committee concluded that 17 laws should be revised to make it easier for foreign products to enter the

All suggestions and complaints raised by Japan's trading partners have been taken into account, the paper said, quoting government sources. The main thrust of the move, backed by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, was to eliminate discrimination against imports from overseas. The proposed changes to the 17 laws will be discussed either separately or

To rebuild Britain

Labor unfolds economic plan

LONDON, March 24 (AP) - The Labor Party and top union leaders unveiled on Wednesday an economic recovery program which will form part of the opposition party's platform for the next national elections.

The plan, which is designed to cut British unemployment from its present 3 1/4 million to 1 million within five years, was published on the eve of a crucial parliamentary byelection in Darlington, northeast England, to fill a House of Commons seat left vacant by the death of the Labor incumbent.

The program calls for the spending of \$43.5 billion over five years with investment in housing, transport, energy and sewerage having first priority. Labor Party leader Michael Foot told a news conference called to launch the 22-page document that it had the full approval of the party as well as the Trades Union Congress, Britain's umbrella union federation with 11 million members. TUC General Secretary Len Murray sitting beside him nodded in agreement.

Foot said the program was not meant to be an incomes policy with curbs on prices and wages of the kind held largely responsible for putting Labor out of office in the May 1979 elections to bring Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives to power. "It is an extension of the scope of collective bargaining, involving genuine extension in rights and responsibilities.

Murray said it did not mean a soft deal for unionists. "We say that everything has to be on the table, jobs, investment, growth, welfare...yes, and the danger of inflation as well, because we are conscious of the need to fight inflation." Mrs. Thatcher must renew her electoral mandate prior to the end of her five years in office in May 1984 but she can call a snap ballot at any time prior to that.

The document, "partners in rebuilding Britain," says that pay, prices, jobs, investment, growth, welfare and inflation would all be considered in a national assessment after Labor wins power. Trade unions will be given a greater say in the economy, including worker participation at all levels of business right up to the director board. The document expresses the hope that this will bring greater worker responsibility in improving industrial Japanese market, the paper said.

as a group, and it is possible that they will be

relations and bringing realism into wage bar-

Workers would have great influence over company price rises, investment and pay scales. "This means that they will assume a new responsibility for the planning of real incomes as an aspect of the production process," the program said. The aim, it said, is to create 500,000 jobs a year over the five years of the next parliament.

The Labor government would set up a department of economic and industrial planning, a national investment bank to put new resources into industrial priorities, a tripartite national planning council bringing together government, industry and unions to plan industrial strategy for whole sectors of business, and development plans negotiated with major industries.

This last would cover purchasing policy, measures to counter import penetration, investment plans, pricing strategy and train-

Export controls on tin will stay

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) - The current severe export controls on tin producers are to be continued for another three months until the end of June, the Tin Council decided here Wednesday.

After only two days of talks instead of the usual three, the council agreed to limit tin exports from the six producer members to 23,200 metric tons during the 91 days between April 1 and June 30, inclusive.

The allocations for the exports representing a cut of 36 percent on normal shipments remained unchanged at present levels with Australia at 2,241 metric tons, Indonesia 5,825, Malaysia 9,062, Nigeria 685, Thailand 4,775 and Zaire 353.

The council also called on producers to spread their exports equally over the three months to avoid a shortage toward the end of the period. The next session of the council will be held in London between June 21 and 24, when export controls for the next three months will be examined.

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| 23. | Northland | O.C.E. | Bagged Cement | 23.3.83 | | |
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| 18. | K Jastrzbie | Orri | Barley | 19.3.83 |
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| 22. | Evelyn Maersk | Kanoo | Gen./Cont. | 22,3.83 |
| 23. | Jollyturchese | Gosaibi | Containers | 23.3.83 |
| 25. | Hual Trapper | Kanoo | Cars | 23.3.83 |
| 28. | Fumurra | Saite | Flour | 24.3.83 |
| 29. | Ibn Younus | Капоо | Gen./Cont. | 22.3.83 |
| 32. | Yidu | Orri | General | 23.3.83 |

adopted by the two houses of parliament before the end of the present session on May 26, in which case they would take effect immediately.

However, they would have to be accompanied by administrative decisions and regulations by the five ministries concerned: health, agriculture, international trade and industry, transport and labor. Among the 17 laws due to be amended to avoid legal discrimination are the following: The phamaceutical affairs law, the agricultural chemicals law, the law concerning standardization and proper labeling of agricultural and forestry products, and the consumer pro-

duct safety law, the paper said. The government has also acted on foreign criticism that procedure concerning industrial standards is not clear, and a list of standards and possible changes to them will be published, enabling countries concerned to give their opinion.

Cocoa talks deadlocked

LONDON, March 24 (AP) - A lack of unity among producing nations in the International Cocoa Organization has deadlocked London talks aimed at deciding to negotiate a fresh world cocoa pact, European Common Market sources reported Wednesday.

Confusion also reigns among producers on whether they can fulfill conditions for allowing the buffer stock to utilize a \$75 million Brazilian loan to buy cocoa. This could help syphon off some of the accumuated surplus of 605,000 metric tons of cocoa that is depressing prices. The plan, put forward by the same producers who now are hesitating, calls for buying on a deferred payment scheme to allow the cocoa to be stored in producing countries.

Qualified informants said that some producers have not been able to assume responsibility for the warehousing of the cocoa nor have they been able to work out how much cocoa each producer country will be called on

U.K. insurers pay \$290m on plane crashes

LONDON, March 24 (AP) - A record \$290 million was paid out by British insurance companies last year for airliner crashes, the Aviation Insurance Offices Association said in its annual report released Wednesday.

It warned that the total could mount in the coming years. Chairman Ivor Purdue reported that 26 Western-built jets were destroyed in 1982, costing insurance companies about \$240 million. Partial losses accounted for the remainder of last year's payouts.

Purdue said the destruction of three widebodied jets accounted for \$120 million of the total. "While 1982 has turned out to be an expensive year, it is more typical of the experience we must come to expect rather than the 1981 year which had few losses," the chairman said. The report gave no figures for insurance claims paid to crash victims.

realignment. Honor OPEC price, says Jakarta

JAKARTA, March 24 (Agencies) — Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Subroto called on members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Thursday not to undercut the group's new benchmark crude oil price.

Subroto, following a meeting with President Subarto, expressed concern that failure to abide by the agreement will lead to a price war. OPEC members agreed at a recent meeting in London to bring down the price of crude to \$29 per barrel to cope with an international oil glut

In another development, it was stated in Tokyo that Japan has agreed to buy 8 million tons of crude oil from China in 1983 with a \$5 a barrel price cut for the first three months of the contract. China agreed to lower its oil price by \$5 to \$28.70 for January-March shipments, the importers conference of Chinese Petroleum said. The agreement was concluded in Peking Wednesday between the China National Chemicals Import and Export Corporation and Japanese importers

of Chinese crude oil.

Meanwhile, a continuing siege of oil facilities by angry peasants in the state of Tabasco, Mexico, has led to million-dollar losses and a production cut of 16,000 barrels of crude oil daily, officials of the state Pemex oil monopoly said Wednesday. **Poland expects**

WARSAW, March 24 (R) - Increased

industrial output envisaged in a three-year

economic recovery plan being discussed in

Poland's parliament now still falls short of the

level prior to 1980 when labor and political

Planners, encouraged by an upward trend

that appeared at the turn of the year, say they

expect production in industry to be about 14

to 16 percent above the present levels by

1985. But output of most fuels, such as hard

coal and natural gas, and industrial raw mat-

erials, including zinc, lead and aluminum, will

amount to 385,000 tons, compared with

357,300 tons in 1988, electrical energy esti-

mated at 131 billion kilowatt-hours against

121.9 billion kilowatt-hours, and brown coal

at 53 million tons instead of 36.9 million tons

in 1980. The figures appeared in a summar-

ized version of part of the plan published by a

Warsaw economic weekly, Zycie Gos -

Given good weather, the planners expect

crop harvests in 1985 to be around eight per-

cent higher than in 1982, and 23 to 24 per-

cent above the disastrous 1980 yields, stric-

ken by heavy rains and floods. Animal pro-

Exceptions are copper, expected to

lag below 1980 figures.

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unrest plunged the country into chaos.

had failed to pay for damage caused by runoff near the facility. The peasants, many camped in front of the plant to block entry of workers,

In Houston, the Sedco oil-drilling company has agreed to pay \$2.14 million in damages to a group of south Texas fishermen and resort owners affected by one of the worst oil spills in history. The Dallas-based firm owned a drilling platform involved in the June 1979 blowout in Mexico's Bay of Campeche, which spilled 134 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico before it was capped nine months later.

Wednesday's settlement was the second reached over the spill, which concontaminated more than 1,000 miles of south Texas and Mexican coastline. Earlier this month. Sedco agreed to pay the U.S. government \$2 million for cleanup costs. Sedco, which has been sued for a total of about \$400 million, agreed to the settlement despite continuing to deny liability.

U.S. subsidy on food sales will continue

LONDON, March 24 (R) - The United States does not rule out the use of further subsidized food sales as a means of competing with European Economic Community export subsidies, U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block said Thursday.

But he said America did not plan to move aggressively in arranging deals like a subsid-ized sale of flour to Egypt now under way. In January, the United States announced the sale of a million tons of wheat flour to Egypt over a one-year period starting this month, at \$155 a ton. The European Commission said the price was \$25 to \$30 a ton below the world market price. "We keep that option open," Block said. "It's merely our way of competing with European Community subsidized sales."

Speaking at the end of a conference in London organized by The Financial Times and the International Wheat Council, and before his departure on a ten-day Middle. East tour, Block said he would not be negotiating a similar dairy deal with Egypt on his present trip, but did not rule out any such deals in future.

Block said U.S. policy would dramatically reduce world grain stocks over the coming year, and it was now up to the European Community to play its part. Under its payment in kind program, the United States aims to cut grain production by giving surplus government-owned grain to farmers in return for leaving much of their land fallow.

Block said he hoped the European Community would consider increasing its stocking of grains to keep surpluses off the market. We have reached the point in international trade where one grain exporting country puts grain into the export market at less than half the price received by its producers," he said without elaboration. The agriculture secretary said Wednesday that the United States may discuss world grain trade with all major exporters in the next month or so, including the European Community.

Portugal hikes bank rate by 4%

LISBON, March 24 (R) - Portugal Wednesday raised its bank rate by four percent and speeded up the monthly devaluation of the escudo in an effort to shore up the

A Bank of Portugal statement said it was devaluing the escudo by an average of two percent following the latest realignment within the European Monetary System (EMS) and increasing the currency's monthly depreciation to one percent from its previous level of 0.75 percent. The escudo fell by 3.7 percent against the U.S dollar when the Lisbon foreign exchange market reopened Wednesday after a two-day closure. The Central Bank fixed the escudo at 97.133 to the dollar against 93.547 last Friday.

ne Central Bank had for months been publicly advocating a rise in domestic interest rates and a speeding up of the monthly devaluation, but the measures had been put off for political reasons in view of the forthcoming April 25 general elections.

Finance Minister Joao Salgueiro said earlier this year that these were measures a caretaker government could not take, but the Central Bank's view prevailed after the EMS

Hundreds of peasants laid siege last week to the Pemex facility in Comalcalco, 870 kms southeast of the capital, charging the plant

are seeking \$27,000 in damages. A spokesman for Pemex said the company has already assumed responsibility in the case, but blamed the leader of the demonstrators, Eulogio Mendez Perez, for inciting the pro-

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 24 — The American dollar continued to be firm on the Thursday exchanges despite some active profittaking. The Japanese yen was relatively firm and it traded at 238.50 levels after it had failen to 241.80 on Wednesday. Market sentiment was once again swinging toward the belief that the Japanese economy would benefit the most from any further oil price cuts. The dollar's rise, however, was sustained by several factors and these all seem to point toward a belief that U.S. dollar interest rates would remain high for some time to come.

On the money markets, Eurodollar interest rates were firm at the 9 14-9 1/2 percent level for the one-month period and 9 % - 9% percent for the one-year deposit. This represents a rise of around 4 percent for the shorter dated funds over prices two weeks ago. The money markets were of the opinion that the Federal Reserve Board would still have the fight against a rising money supply base as its number one prior-

On the bullion markets, gold and silver prices remained steady but fell back by close of business as Eurodollar deposit rates firmed. Gold prices traded at the \$417 an ounce which was higher than the \$410 levels reached on Wednesday. Silver prices traded around \$10.62 an ounce with little volatility being registered. Dealers are still worried that some price falls could be seen on the New York markets especially if the money supply figures show a rise over the previous week's \$4.8 billion.

In the exchanges, the German mark traded at 2.4250 levels, depressed by some

profit-taking sales as well as the unwinding of some previously-held long mark positions now that the European Monetary System realignments have been formalized The French franc traded around the 7.26 - 7.27 levels but the French bourses were generally nervous and erratic and awaited fresh political developments in France after President Mitterrand's promise to cut French inflation and wipe out French trade deficit within two years. He also appealed for a campaign to "buy French" which the other member of the EEC might consider as smacking of protec-

In other European developments, the Belgian Central Bank cut its base rate to 11 percent from 14 percent while the Portugese currency was devalued by around four percent against the dollar. The British pound fell to 1.4590 levels after closing at an equally record low level of 1.4680 prices in New York on Wednesday night. Once again, the Bank of England did not move aggressively to support the pound. The Swiss franc was weaker at 2,0890 levels.

In the domestic markets, riyal deposit rates were firm but less volatile compared to the Wednesday movements in the shortdated funds. Week fixed deposits traded at the 7 %-8 ¼ percent. While the one-month rate traded at 8 1/8- 1/2 percent, spot riyal/dollar deposit rates traded at 3.4400-05

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sales to Moscow may also have been deter-

minining factors, informed Western sources

said. U.S.-Soviet trade turnover was \$3.04

Trade turnover with Japan increased by

over 20 percent to \$5.04 billion. The 1982

overall surplus was \$9.45 billion, up from

\$6.16 billion in 1981, and was based on a

turnover of \$163.8 billion in line with the

for hard currency trade alone but this is the

basis for most of its trade with the West and

Japan, whereas trade with its Communist

allies and developing countries is mostly done

on a clearing basis. The Soviet trade surplus

with its East European Comecon partners

dropped to \$5.0 billion from \$6.8 billion in

billion, Czechoslovaki: \$3.7 billion and

Poland was the only East European coun-

try which experienced an increase in its debts

from \$24.3 to \$26 billion. The institute fore-

cast that Poland will not be able to service its

(Representatives of Poland's foreign cre-

ditor banks met in Warsaw Monday and

Tuesday mainly to discuss Poland's debt serv-

icing).

Comecon countries had an overall balance

of payments deficit in 1982 of \$560 million.

Only three countries had a surplus. They

were the Soviet Union with \$3 billion, Bulgaria \$250 million and East Germany \$200

million. All the others registered deficits. Poland was worst off with a deficit of \$3

Romania \$10.5 billion.

debts before 1988.

The Soviet Union does not publish figures

billion, slightly up on the 1981 figure.

half-year figure and Western forecasts.

Soviets boost trade surplus with developing countries President Reagan's decision to resume grain

MOSCOW, March 24 (R) - The Soviet Union improved its trade position last year by slashing its deficit with the West and Japan and quadrupling its surplus with the developing countries, according to provisional figures released Wednesday.

The Soviet trade deficit with the developed industrial world was cut approximately 80 percent, falling to \$137 million in 1982 from \$1,235 million in 1981, figures published in the weekly *Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta* showed.

Exports to the Third World rose to \$13.9 billion from \$11.9 billion in 1981 and imports fell from \$10.7 billion to \$9.17 billion. Western experts said the boost in the trade surplus with the developing countries was largely owing to a cut in grain purchases from Argentina, which have to be paid for in hard cur-

A slightly better harvest than expected and

Comecon external debts total \$74b VIENNA, March 24 (AFP) — External \$1.8 billion. Three countries held their debts

nly East at 1981 levels. They were Hungary with \$7.9 European Comecon trading bloc have fallen for the first time in 10 years to a total of \$74.3 billion at the end of 1982, the International Institute of Economic Comparative Studies has calculated here.

This compared with total debts of \$77.1 billion at the end of 1981. The report said Comecon countries had gained particularly from the strengthening of the dollar and a slight improvement in their trade balance with the West.

The Soviet Union did particularly well, reducing its debts to \$9 billion against \$12.5 billion in 1981, mainly following the sale of between 150 and 200 tons of gold, the study

East Germany's debts fell from \$12 to \$11.5 billion, and Bulgaria's from \$2.1 to

billion. EEC unemployment remains static BRUSSELS, March 24 (R) — Record Italy and Ireland were the only other coun-

postwar unemployment in the European Economic Community showed no sign of easing last month, defying expectations of a seasonal fall, the EEC statistics office said Wednesday. The number of jobless in the 10-nation

bloc was 12.4 million or 10.9 percent of the workforce, the same as in January. This was in contrast to previous years when unemployment peaked in January and then showed a seasonal decline of between one and four percent in the following month, the office said in a statement. "Just because the figures haven't changed does not mean the upward trend has been halted," one senior economist West Germany showed the largest increase

of two percent over January, with men accounting for almost the entire rise. This brought the male unemployment rate there to the same level as for women for the first time, the statement said. The Netherlands.

year to 3.7 million tons from 6.7 million tons

in 1981. The planners estimated Poland

would need to export about 200,000 tons of

meat in 1985, to be able to import 4.9 million

reckoning on continuing U.S. restrictions,

and protectionist tendencies in other West-

ern states which could hit Polish exports, par-

ticularly of manufactured products. Terms of

trade were likely to be disadvantageous for

Poland due to declining prices for raw mater-

In view of Poland's massive foreign debts

of more than \$25 billion, new Western credits

will be extremely difficult to obtain. Imports

from the West will have to be paid for in cash

and much will depend on the success of Polish

In foreign trade, the planners say they are

tons of grain and fodder.

ial exports such as coal.

tries to show small increases.

In France, however, the number of people out of work in February fell by 2.3 percent against the previous month and stood at just over two million. Greece registered a sharp reduction of almost five percent, but the statistics office said that the figures should be considered with caution because a different employment structure there prevented direct comparison.

Compared with one year ago, the Community total rose by 16 percent, with more than 1.7 million persons without jobs. West Germany again had the largest rise of almost one-third, the office said. "The trend in Germany is certainly one of the most worrying," the EEC economist said.

In France, the year-on-year rise was the smallest of the 10 member states, just under Foreign Exchange Rates

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exports, the planners said. Credits from the Soviet Union, estimated by a Polish newspaper recently at about 3.5 billion rubles by the end of 1982, are expected to total around 6.9 billion rubles by 1985, Zycie Gospodarcze reported.

16% industrial growth by'85 government ministers have indicated are duction in 1985 will be some 10 percent likely to continue beyond this year, although other foodstuffs may gradually come off coupons. The government also is striving to hold down grain imports, which dropped last

uncertainty over future economic conditions and factors, it might be necessary to amend parts of the plan as circumstances change.

Increased industrial output will have to be

Investment policy will concentrate largely on projects to meet consumer needs, with 30. percent of available funds being allocated to housebuilding and three percent to agriculture and the food industry. Farm tractor production is scheduled to exceed the average increase for industry and surpass the 1980

but adequate to meet ration quotas, which

above last year's level but still some five percent below 1980 figures although above the three-year average for 1981-83 by an estimated 6.6 to 6.9 percent. The planners said that because of general

achieved mainly through higher labor productivity, more efficient management, and savings in the use of fuelenergy and raw materials. This is because of constraints on raw material supplies, due to Western economic sanctions, shortage of hard currency to buy from the West, and limits on availability of alternative supplies from partners in the Comecon Communist trading group.

Meat supplies are expected to remain tight



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FASHION'S NEW LEAP

In China it is now a hundred designs and colors in sartorial fashions. The young, especially women, who for years have been forced to wear or bear a unisex outfit of blue or green cotton jackets are going crazy for the latest in garment styles. A fashion exhibition now going on in Peking is drawing some 12,000 to 13,000 starryeyed visitors a day. With military guards stationed at the entrance to stop daredevil gatecrashers, and with young women queuing up early in the morning to buy one of the latest eye-catching dresses, it has all the appearance of a great leap forward from the drab, sober and colorless way of dressing enforced officially for reasons not connected with decorum.

Many will rejoice at the return of some sense of style, color and design to the arid garment desert of China. Hong Kong, at any rate that part of it which engages itself in apparel industry, has special reasons to be pleased with, particularly at a time when the silken threads between the world's most profitable and commercial-minded offshore island and China is slowly but steadily tightening. They can look forward to a life under the Chinese flag with less apprehension.

Others, in the meanwhile, can only hope that the pendulum will not swing too far in the other direction and wish the Chinese struck a neat balance between the excesses of Western fashion designers and utter lack of taste which they had to endure as part of a quixotic fight against "bourgeois" values.

Even in the West they have examples to emulate, one of them the British queen. Queen Elizabeth is anything but a clotheshorse even while she goes on a foreign tour. This is the way she conducted herself during her recent trip to California when she knew all too well that she will always be accompanied by Nancy Reagan whose clothes are very noisy and who, many believe, serves as walking billboards for a segment of U.S. fashion industry.

Many in America had hoped that the meeting between the two will be an undeclared fashion confrontation but Queen Elizabeth won it largely by not taking part in it and sticking to her traditional straightforward dress and the sturdy white shoes. Everyone in America was impressed and in the warm glow she left in her wake there is a lesson for all the fashion-conscious: in matters of dress it is a compromise between the needs of style and elegance and the dictates of decorum which always carries the day.

Saudi Arabian press review

pean countries on the Palestinian issue drew unfavorable comments rights.

from newspapers Thursday.

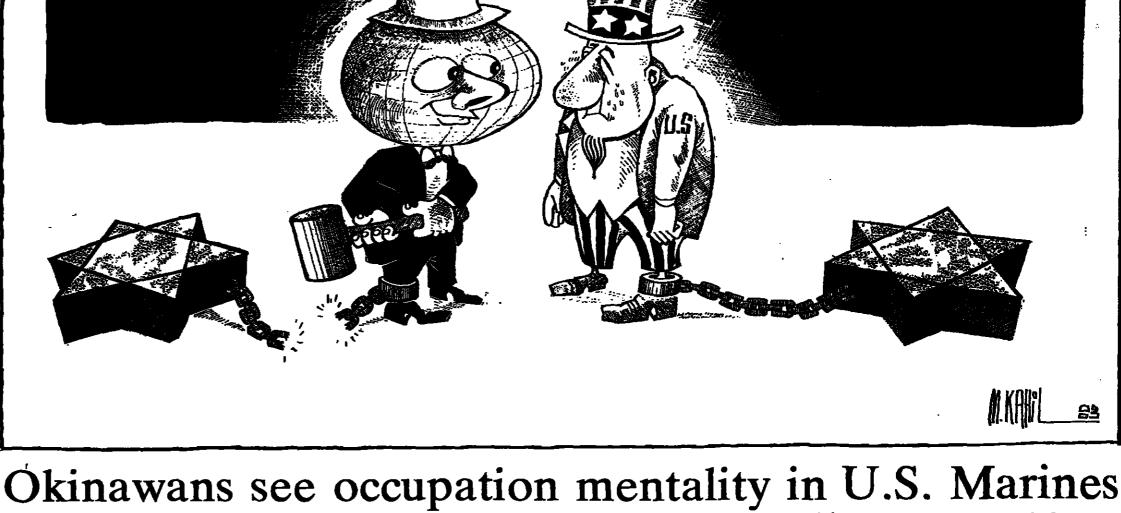
Al-Riyadh noted that the sumcondemn the Israeli massacre of Palestinians in Shatila and Sabra camps in Beirut, which was similar to Nazi crimes in Europe. The paper warned that the Arabs will no longer stand the Israeli intransigence which hampered all sincere efforts to resolve the longstanding Middle East conflict.

Al-Jazirak wondered whether there was any change in the European countries' stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict. It also asked whether the European group could assume its Arab and international role and exert enough

The latest stand of the Euro- pressure on Israel to recognize the Palestinian people's legitimate

Okaz praised the firm stand taken by Lebanon at the tripartite mit's communique did not even talks on foreign troop withdrawal and supported the Lebanese authorities right to establish full control and ensure security and stability in the country.

> It said the Lebanese authorities had been tough in the face of Israeli conspiracies which aimed at isolating Beirut from the Arab world and disturbing the country's security by fomenting discord and dissension among various factions and sects. "There is a noticeable progress following U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's arrival in Beirut with new American proposals," the paper added. (SPA)



By Karl Schoenberger

NAHA, Okinawa, Japan -The murder of a taxi cab driver has shocked hardened U.S. Marines and caused even pro-American Okinawans to complain bitterly about an occupation mentality" among the U.S. military forces here.

Just before midnight Feb. 23, Koei Medoruma pounded on the locked door of the officers' club at Camp Hansen, a U.S. Marine corps base. He was staggering, and workers in the club mistook him to be under the influence of alcohol until they found him collapsed in the parking lot with stab wounds in his chest.

The 40-year-old driver died en route to a hospital, but not before identifying his assailants as two young Americans, a Marine spokesman said. U.S. authorities arrested two Marines shortly after the incident, the third murder in the past year allegedly involving Marines on Okinawa. They confessed to stabbing Medoruma with butcher knives in a rob-

bery attempt, police and military authorities said. Three days after Medoruma's murder, a taxi driver was robbed at knifepoint at another Okinawa

military base. Two Marines were later arrested. The local news media reported that a violent crime wave was under way, and revived the popular Okinawan sport of debating the ments and evils of the U.S. military's huge presence here.

Okinawa is the principal island in the chain south of the Japanese main islands that was ruled by the United States for 27 years following World War II. Now, as Japan's southernmost prefecture (state) with a local population of about one million. Okinawa remains a temporary home for about 20,000 Marines and another 12,000 American servicemen and women.

U.S. military authorities refused a Japanese request that the two murder suspects be handed over to local police, citing the right to retain custody under a U.S.-Japan accord. They also dismissed criticism the act showed an "occupation mentality," saying they had a clear legal foundation for their action. Tempers rose in the prefectural assembly.

Under the status of forces agreement, criminal suspects in U.S. custody can be kept out of the reach of Japanese police until they are finally indicated. But civilian prosecutors said indictment procedures

were not expected to be completed until the end of

Meanwhile. Okinawan police were eager to arrest the men identified by military authorities as private Loren G. Diedrich, 20, and an 18-year-old Marine whose name was withheld because he is a minot under Japanese law.

Shuzo Sakihama, a member of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and a supporter of the presence of U.S. forces, said the murder case reflects a continuing "occupation mentality" on the part of the Americans.

As chairman of the assembly's special committee on U.S. bases. Sakihama sponsored a resolution demanding the suspects be turned over immediately to Japanese custody and demanding compensation for the victim's family and stricter "discipline" in the U.S. military. "Crimes by U.S. military men have been on the rise recently, both on and off the bases, and this shows laxness in military discipline," Sakihama said in an interview. "U.S.-Japan relations suffer by these senseless crimes. It makes the existence of U.S. bases on Okinawa politically

Police statistics actually suggest a decline in milit-

ary crime since Okinawa reverted to Japanese con trol slightly more than 10 years ago. Okinawa police arrested 239 U.S. military suspects in 200 incidents in 1982, compared with 242 suspects in 213 incidents in 1972. Police say increased cooperation with military authorities has resulted in more arrests for criminal incidents, meaning the figures reflect fewer serious crimes.

"Two or three hundred incidents a year, that's not alarmingly large in view of 32,000 active servicemen on Okinawa," said Herb Nakayoshi of the Marine corps public affairs office on Camp Butler. However, in those 10 years, there have been 15 murders involving U.S. military personnel, in a country where violent crime is relatively rare. Japanese were victims in six of those cases. "This murder was a real shock," Nakayoshi said. "We'd come a long way. We were even in the midst of a crime prevention campaign."

Medoruma's slaying has developed into an "intensely emotional issue," said Ryoichi Toyohira, an editor at the Japanese language Okinawa Times. "It's a question of extraterritoriality. Our own police can't even arrest these men." (AP)

U.N. agency may steer the Poles toward cooperation State Department, whose secretary is a former sec-

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON --

There is a political stalemate in Poland between the regime and the people and a policy stalemate in the West over what to do about it. In these circumstances, an odd duck of a United Nations agency known as the International Labor Organization gets awfully interesting.

The ILO is that rare U.N. agency with a mass constituency - workers - and with considerable prestige in much of the world, although it is little known here. It owes its strength to the equal and direct role that workers, along with employer representatives and government officials, play in it. Americans appreciate the ILO for being one of the few U.N. agencies to have survived the political wars with its procedural fairness intact. The Communist countries appreciate it as the single grouping in which all workers of the world do in fact unite.

The ILO has a special relevance in Poland arising from the fact that its Polish constituency, the workforce, is the critical element in the national political mix. The pre-Solidarity government of Poland ratified the key ILO "conventions" (agreed international standards) on freedom of association and on collective bargaining. Solidarity invoked these conventions to secure recognition. But ever since martial law was imposed 15 months ago, Warsaw has acknowledged the ILO's competence to seek respect for its standards - the regime has argued, unconvincingly, that its new labor arrangements meet them.

At the recent meeting of its governing body in Geneva, the ILO came down hard on Poland. For months, the organization had been pursuing the regime for its labor practices, aware that too hard a pursuit could lead to a Polish withdrawal ending ILO influence but alert to the need to enforce its standards. As a result of intense debate between and within many delegations, including the American, the ILO had granted the Poles two delays to answer its queries.

At Geneva this month, the Poles for the first time stayed home, raising the question of whether they might let their membership lapse. They are already in default on dues. The ILO responded by giving them until April 15 to respond. If they do not, a prosecutorial "commission of inquiry" - by ILO criteria a harsh sanction — will be established. The vote was 46 (including the Third World) to 4 (three Soviet votes plus Cuba).

The question now is this: What's in it for Wojciech Jaruzelski to get back into the good graces of the ILO? He needs worker support to get Poland moving again, but he does not want to appear to be

yielding prestige or power. Presumably, he does not look forward to the isolation and ignominy that would come from being outside the ILO pale. Nor can he relish the further trouble he would have in explaining to Poland's workers why he broke with a familiar organization devoted to securing their rights. But he would no doubt accept these costs, or the Soviet Union would compel him to, if the authority of his regime were at stake.

We come now to the consideration that leads the Americans closest to the ILO to wonder whether Jaruzelski might decide to work with the ILO after all. Poland remains a failing place, and no rescue is imaginable without some real support for the regime in the work place — support that official compliance with ILO standards might well earn.

According to the AFL-CIO, which speaks for American workers in the ILO, Jaruzelski could if he chose to start restoring worker rights even within the terms of his existing labor legislation. A range of knowledgeable Americans asks if he might not respond sooner to the balanced, legalistic recommendations of a respected international body than, say, to the challenges of a Western government regarded as hostile.

The labor department traditionally fields the official American delegates to the ILO. These delegates are guided in the Polish policy aspect by the

while cooped up under "siege" go unsold in Gibral-

tarians feel, a surge of tourists from the Costa del

Sol for day trips. The Spanish government fears that unlimited access into Spain via Gibraltar airport

The Spanish customs on the other hand, are tak-

retary of labor with his own continuing interest in the ILO. At ILO meetings, the American delegates have been appropriately tough on Polish labor violations. But they have given the Polish regime credit on the occasions when some credit has been due in order to gain some credibility with the Poles and in any event to maintain a united front with other delegations. The American delegates state - and reliable witnesses affirm — that their interest is not simply to make propaganda but to steer the Poles toward cooperation.

Overall, the outlook in Poland is bleak. But the ILO's current proceedings and standard procedures provide some sort of window of opportunity: for Solidarity, for the Jaruzelski regime and for Poland.

Today is Friday, March 25, the 84th day of 983. There are 281 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:
1507 — France's King Louis XII attacks Genoa

Italy, with Swiss army to restore order. 1634 — British colonists under Lord Baltimore

each Maryland in North America. 1815 — Austria, Britain, Prussia and Russia

form new alliance against Napoleon Bonaparte to maintain established order in Europe. 1821 — Greeks begin revolt against domination

of Ottoman Empire, an uprising that lasts 12 years and wins Greek independence.

1823 — Britain recognizes Greeks as belligerents in war with Turkey. 1941 — Britain recognizes Greeks as bellinger-

ents in war with Turkey. 1941 Yugoslavia joins Rome-Berlin-Tokyo

alliance in World War II. 1947 — Coal mine explosion in Centralia, Illinois (U.S.), kills 111 miners.
1957 — Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy,

Luxembourg and the Netherlands sign in Rome treaties for Common Market and Euratom. 1965 — Dudley Senanayake forms ministry in Ceylon following defeat of Mrs. Bandaranaike in

1969 — Pakistan's President Ayub Khan turns

power over to military after 11 years of leader-

King Faisal. 1978 — Palestine Liberation Organization says it is stepping up raids on Israeli-occupied territory

in South Lebanon. 1979 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and

Washington on details of their peace treatysigning ceremony. 1982 - Former Common Market President

Thought for today: A man asked Allah's Messenger, Prophet

sense will prevail.

dom and human rights.

Gibraltar heading for the rocks

tar's shops.

By Robert Low GIBRALTAR -

No news is bad news for Gibraltar. What the people were waiting for last week was news that the border with Spain would soon be opened to all traffic without any restrictions. When no date emerged from last week's visit to

London by Senor Fernando Moran, the Spanish foreign minister, there was general disappointment on the Rock. The reason is that the partial opening of the frontier by Spain last December after a 13year closure is hitting the Gibraltar economy. "The

U.K. and freedom

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Naturally, hypocracy dominates politics and no

doubt always will, but decisions that affect the

interests of millions of people are bound to be well

received in some quarters and violently opposed in

others. Surely this is an age when pragmatism can

a very unsavory situation in Northern Ireland, but

have been committed constitutionally to defend the

rights of the majority of their subjects. The military

solution is regrettable and expensive (lives and

money), but necessary, though it is a gross exaggre-

The people of Northern Ireland carry on their-

lives in the same way as those citizens in the rest of

the U.K. and are subjected to military interference

only when the security forces pursue those terrorists

ation to describe it as an occupying force.

Historically, British governments have inherited

ietter, published on Jan. 19 in your paper only

serves to weaken the considerable efforts that are being made to bring about a constructive and lasting

peace in Palestine and Northern Ireland.

reign over violance?

effect has been totally negative" said Wilfred Garcia, president of the Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce. He estimates that Gibraltar is suffering a net loss of up to \$225,000 a week. "The situation is going to be critical in a very short time," he said.

Gibraltarians are streaming across the border every day to buy fresh fruit and vegetables at half the price they are on the Rock as well as indulging themselves in meals, outings and weekend holidays. If they spend 72 hours in Spain they can bring back duty-free goods. Meanwhile, the videos and other luxury items they used to spend their money on

who cause grief and carnage with their gelegnite

and bullets. What commitment have these same

terrorists made to end the violence if there was a

military withdrawal? The answer is none what-

Yes, I sincerely believe that Margaret Thatcher

should have met with the PLO representatives -

dialogue invariably leads to better understanding.

Sadly, she flound herself bound to a rigid line by the

very qualities she is most admired for - determina-

tion and forthrightness. She has always condemned

terrorism in any form and was only seeking a similar

declaration from the Arab alliance. This they

refused to give. Nevertheless, this issue is far too

important to debate semantics and justifies any

means to obtain a peaceful solution, let us pray that

they will admit the United Kingdom leads the van-

guard of democratic opinion on the issue of free-

Whatever our critics may say, I am confined that

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ing a tough line. Spaniards coming back out of Gibraltar can bring out little more than a few bars of chocolate. "They even check to see if you have bought the shirt you are wearing in Gibraltar. Our economy is being bled." says Sir Joshua Hassan, Gibraltar's chief minister. The biggest benefit of an unrestricted opening of the border was, the Gibral-

> would divert lucrative traffic from Malaga. Sir Joshua thinks this is "ridiculous". Instead, it would help to develop the southwest of Andalusia, he says. In the background lies the closure of the Ministry of Defense dockyard, employing 1,000 persons. which is due toward the end of this year. Redundancies will begin in June. The British firm of Appledore is studying commercialization of the yard but nothing has yet been signed. Even if it does take over, it would employ only 350 men at first. "A report on commercialization of the yard said the worst thing that could happen to Gibraltar would be a simultaneous opening of the frontier and closure of the yard," said Garcia. "That now looks like

> happening." Yet despite such an indication of slow

British withdrawal, Gibraltarians remain touch-

ingly proud of staying British. One optimisite note, some observers feel is that the new Spanish government takes a more realistic

attitude than its predecessors to the many difficulties it will face in proceeding with its claim to sovereignty over the Rock. If negotiations with Britain do re-start, the most that Britain feels it can offer is a slow improvement in economic and cultural relations between Gibraltar and Spain. Perhaps, that would create an atmosphere in which the next generation of Gibraltarians would be prepared at least to consider some new arrangements for government of the Rock. But nobody's betting 1975 — King Khaled succeeds to the throne of Saudi Arabia following the death of his brother

Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin agree in

Roy Jenkins, in a by-election, wins seat in Britain's parliament as member of Social Democratic

Muhammad: "Which part of Islam is best?" He said: "To provide food and to greet others by saying 'salam' (peace be on you) to those who you know and to those who you do not know".

Islam in perspective

Commentary by Sayyid Qutb

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent

They said, 'O Houd, you have brought us no clear proof. We are not forsaking our gods on your mere word, nor are we going to believe in you. All we can say is that some god of ours may have smitten you with something evil. ' 'He said: ' 'I call Allah to witness, and do you also bear witness, that I dissociate myself from all those you claim to be partners to Allah. Scheme against me, all of you, if you will, and give me no respite. Indeed I have placed my trust in Allah, my Lord and your Lord. There is no living creature which He does not hold by its forelock. Straight indeed is the path of my Lord. If you turn away, still I have delivered to you the message with which I was sent to you. My Lord may replace you with another people. You can do Him no harm. My Lord watches over all things. ' '

And so, when Our judgment came to pass, We by Our grace, saved Houd and those who shared his faith. We have indeed saved them from brutal suffering. Such were And. They denied the revelations of their Lord, disobeyed His messengers, and followed the bidding of every arrogant, unrestrained tyrant. They were pursued by a curse in this world and on the Day of Judgment. Indeed, And denied their Lord. Oh, away with Aad, the people of Houd.

(Houd: 11; 53-60)

buted godhead to Allah alone, as madness.

For any man to confront such people who

were so blindly confident that their beliefs

were correct, pointing out to them that they

were false and rebuking them for having

such beliefs, is indeed so remarkable. Houd

however, did not stop at that. He threw a

challenge to them asking them to allow him

no time to get ready and giving them no

time to calm down. It is indeed amazing that

a single man could embark on such a con-

frontation with people who combined

power and roughness as their basic qual-

ities. Our amazement disappears when we

consider Houd's causes for such a confron-

tation. Houd's attitude was one of a man full

of faith in Allah, confident that Allah's

promises are always fulfilled, assured of His

support. It is faith so strong that Allah's

promise of support becomes a tangible real-

ity in which there can be no doubt. He can

see it and feel it. It is not a promise for the

future which is unknown; it is a reality

He said: I call Allah to witness, and do you

also bear witness, that I dissociate myself

from all those you claim to be partners to

Allah. I call Allah to be my witness that I am

innocent of all those you associate with Him

as His partners. You also should testify for

me that I have declared to you that I dis-

claim all your false gods. Assemble

together, all of you and all your invented

gods whom you claim to have smitten me

with evil and scheme together against me.

giving me not a moment's notice, for I do

not fear anything from you. Indeed I have

placed my trust in Allah, my Lord and your

Lord. Your denials and rejection notwith-

standing, the truth remains that Allah is the

Lord of all of us. He is indeed the only Lord

There is no living creature which He does

not hold by its forelock. This is a very real

image of Állah's nower. It portrays Him as

holding every creature that walks on earth

by its forelock, whether man or animal. He

has indeed power over them all. His power

is depicted so vividly because such a vivid

picture fits well with the strength, roughness

and insensibility of the people Houd was

of the universe. He has no partners.

which is there to see and feel.

Why Aad were destroyed?

It is clear from the opening verses in this passage that Houd's people had gone so far astray that they thought him to be deranged, after one of their deities had smitten him with something evil. They made the point that Houd did not bring them any clear evidence of his message. Little did they consider that no evidence is needed to prove the oneness of Allah. All that people need to accept this trueism is to be properly reminded and directed on how they should think. They only needed to consult their consciences. They were, however, not prepared to do that. They told their messenger point blank that they were not prepared to abandon their false gods just because Houd was encouraging them to do so, without having given them a clear proof of the truthfulness of his message. They simply did not believe him.

There was little Houd could do at this point apart from throwing a challenge to them and to put his trust entirely in Allah and to give a final warning to those who denied him and his message, dissociating himself completely from their erring prac-

His statement, as related in this passage. shows how he cut himself completely from them, despite the fact that they were his people and he was their brother. He was not happy to stay among them when they have chosen a way different from that of Allah. The two sides could not have any tie between them when the tie of faith had been severed. Houd asked Allah to be his witness as he dissociated himself from his people and abandoned them alltogether. He indeed asked them to be his witnesses as he declared to them that he was going his own separate way, so that they could have no doubt as to his final attitude. Throughout, Houd had the dignity, confidence and reas-

surance which faith imparts. Indeed. Houd's attitude is very sive as he, single-handedly confronted his people who were gigantic in stature, rough, impertinent and so ignorant as to believe that their false idols could possess anyone with evil or cause him to be deranged. They even considered Houd's call which attriaddressing. This is followed by a statement that divine laws never fail: Straight indeed is the path of my Lord. All this, then, combines together real strength, straightforwardness and determination on Houd's

The secret of this dignified attitude and the challenge made by Houd can be found in these firm words which depict the nature of the truth as deeply and clearly felt by him. His Lord, who is also the Lord of all creation, is too powerful: There is no living creature which He does not hold by its forelock. Those rough giants of Houd's people are no more than creatures whom Allah holds by their forelocks. Why should he fear anything which they may cause when they cannot have power over him unless Allah wills? Why indeed should be consider himself to belong to them when he follows an entirely different route from theirs? (Perhaps we should add here that the word used in the Qur'an for "living creature" generally refers to animals. In its broader use, as in this instance, it refers to all living creatures. The shades of its narrower meaning, i.e. animals, are always present.)

As the advocate of Allah's cause feels this truth within himself, he is left with no doubt as to his own destiny. He feels no hesitation to go along his way. The truth we mean here is that a godhead which is clearly felt by those who truly believe in Allah.

When Houd has made his challenge, rely ing on Allah's might which he portrays in its most majestic form, he warns his people explaining to them that he has done his duty, conveyed his message and has left them to face Allah's power: If you turn away, still I have delivered to you the message with which I was sent to you. My Lord may replace you with another people. Such people would be more worthy of Allah's message because they follow His guidance after Houd's people have been punished and destroyed by their errors. They have no power to cause Allah any harm. Their departure leaves no vacuum whatsoever. And Allah will surely protect His good servants and enforce His laws. The wicked can have no escape: You can do him no harm. My Lord watches over all things

This was the decisive word. All argument is over and the warnings are fulfilled: When Our judgment came to pass, We, by Our grace, saved Houd and those who shared his faith. We have indeed saved them from brutal suffering. Houd and his followers were saved by a direct act of Allah's mercy which singled them out and kept them safe from the general punishment which engulfed their people. The punishment is described here as "brutal suffering" because this description fits with the general atmosphere and with the fact that Houd's people were rough tyrants. Now that Aad have been destroyed reference is made to them indicating that they have been far removed. Their crimes are recorded against them and they have been pursued with a curse: Such were Aad. They are now far been shown engulfed by their punishment. Yet they are gone where they are lost and forgotten. They denied the revelations of their Lord, disobeyed His messengers. They have disobeyed only one messenger, but since all Allah's messengers have preached

the same message whoever disobeys one messenger disobeys them all. The use of the plural in reference to revelations and messengers has also a stylistic purpose. Their crime is made to look much more horried and ghastly when we realize that they have denied revelations and disobeyed messengers. And followed the bidding of every arrogant, unrestrained tyrant. They are required to liberate themselves from the tyranny of anyone who want to impose his authority over them. They must think for themselves and exercise their freedom of choice. They cannot just waste their humanity by accepting the role of blind followers

And were destroyed because they slavishly followed arrogant tyrants. They were also cursed: They were pursued by a curse in this world and on the Day of Judgment. Then the sheet of their indictment is made absolutely clear: Indeed, And denied their Lord. They are, then, expelled and dispatched far away. This is made in clear, firm words which serve as the title of the curse pursuing them: Oh, away with Aad, the people of Houd.

Thus we realize that the issue between Houd and Aad was that of Allah's Lordship over all people, and their submission to Him alone. It is the issue of who has the authority to legislate. Who is the Lord to whom all must submit? This is apparent in Allah's words, rendered in translation: Such were And. They denied the revelations of their Lord, disobeyed His messengers, and fol-lowed the bidding of every arrogant unrestrained tyrant. They were punished for their disobedience of Allah's messenger and their following of the bidding of tyrants. Islam, on the other hand, requires its foilowers to obey the messengers, because their bidding comes from Allah. At the same time, Muslims must also disobey all tyrants. This is indeed the parting of the ways between Islam and Ignorance, submission to Allah and denial of His message.

It is abundantly clear, then, that the message of Allah's unity emphasizes first of all the need to liberate man from submission to anyone other than Allah, and the need to revolt against the authority of all tyrants who impose themselves as gods. It considers the forfeiture of freedom by the blind following of tyrants, a capital crime of disbelief and denial of Allah, the perpetrators of which deserve to be destroyed in this life and to be punished in the hereafter. Allah has created man to be free, to worship no fellow creature and to maintain his freedom in the face of any chief or leader. This is the essence of man's nobility. If man does not protect it he deserves no kindness from Allah. No community of people can claim to have any degree of dignity and humanity when they submit themselves to anyone other than Allah. Those who do submit to fellow creatures, and obey their legislation, cannot be excused for being overpowered and having no choice. After all, they are the majority while the tyrants are a sa ity. If the majority wants to liberate themselves they need only to sacrifice a small portion of what they actually do sacrifice at the alter of the tyrants. They pay them willingly the tax of being humiliated in every Life of the Prophet-103

Al-Mustalaq: successful expedition and aftermath

The setbacks suffered by the Muslims at Uhud, Al-Rajie and Bir Maoonah were perhaps wiped off the memories of both the Muslims and their enemies by the successful campaigns launched by the Muslims against both their enemies, both internal and external. Following each other in quick succession, these campaigns re-established the reputa-tion of the Muslims as a fighting force which does not cower off in the face of any challenge. Hence, the enemies of Islam had to reconsider their strategy. Up until that time their hostility was open and direct. Now, some of the enemies of Islam, at least, recognized the need to change their tactics.

In Madmah, some of its Arab inhabitants were resorting to hypocrisy right from the early days of the establishment of the Muslim state. They recognized at the time that they could not go against the wishes of a large portion of their community who accepted the new religion. They, therefore, pretended to be Muslims, hoping to share the gains of Islam if and when it met with success. Deep inside, however, they did not believe in Allah or His messenger. They were ready to join forces with any enemy of Islam seeking to nip it in the bud. Yet, they had always to adopt shifty grounds. They could not afford to throw their lot completely with the enemies of Islam. They did not have the necessary strength and courage to make their feelings clear and to join the other enemies of Islam in an open campaign.

Over the last few years, the hypocrites in Madinah were playing a dirty game against the Muslims. Their wickedness and hatred of Islam surfaced whenever the Muslims suffered a setback. On the other hand, they were quick to suppress their true feelings and claim to be loyal to Islam and to the Prophet whenever the Muslims achieved a significant victory. This, however, did not prevent the hypocrites from resorting to taunts and ridicule and spreading false rumors against the Muslims, whenever they had an opportunity to do so. Indeed, the hypocrites' hatred of Islam increased in proportion to how more firmly established the authority of the Muslims became. We have seen how they tried to persuade the Jews to fight the Muslims, pledging them their own support. They, however, did not fulfil their promises when they realized that the Muslims' victory was inevit-

The hypocrites continued to try to make others fight Islam. As for their own efforts in the attempt to defeat Islam, they preferred to work from within. Perhaps the best example of their tactics and treachery is provided by the events of the Prophet's expedition against

the tribe of Al-Mustalaq.

The Prophet received information that the tribe of Al-Mustalaq, under the leadership of its chief Al-Harith ibn Abu Dhirar, was preparing to launch an attack on Madinah. In keeping with his successful strategy of surprising his enemies before they had time to launch their attack on Madinah, the Prophet marched at the head of a large force of Muslims, heading toward his enemies. It was the

custom of the Prophet when he went on an expedition of any kind to have at least one of his wives with him. He would have a toss among them to decide which of them was to join him. This time he took with him Aisha.

This expedition was also noteworthy for the large number of hypocrites who joined the Muslim army. The hypocrites normally did not join any Muslim army. We have seen how, in the battle of Uhud, their leader, Abdullah ibn Ubai, deserted the army before the battle with three hundred of his followers. After that the hypocrites did not participate in any other expedition until the Prophet moved against the tribe of Al-Mustalaq.

There were two obvious reasons for the change of tactics by the hypocrites. Recent encounters between Muslims and their enemies were all successful. Moreover, the Muslims won with little bloodshed. There was no reason why the same should not happen again this time. The coming clash was with a single Arab tribe who was, perhaps, no match to the Muslims. Success and a large booty were to be expected. The hypocrites felt they had little to lose if they joined the Muslim army. Indeed there was the possibility of sharing the booty if they went.

The other reason was perhaps a secret kept in the minds of the leaders of the hypocrites. After all, they were always looking out for an opportunity to undermine the Muslims. Such an opportunity might well arise in an expedition of this sort. Moreover, by joining the Muslim army, the hypocrites would reduce their alienation from the Muslim community. Many of them who were not known to be hypocrites felt that they would allay any suspicion as to their sincerity by joining the army. This would even help them more in their plotting against Islam.

The Muslim army marched until they reached a water spring called Al-Marrissie' where Al-Harith and his men had gathered. There are two different reports of the events that took place. The first account, which is perhaps less authentic, speaks of the Prophet asking his companion Umar ibn Al-Khattab to call on the people of Al-Mustalaq to accept Islam. He stood out and shouted to them asking them to declare that they believed in Allah as the only god and they would be safe, and their properties untouched. They declined the offer and both sides started to throw their arrows against each other. After a while the Prophet ordered his companions to go on the attack. In no time, they overwhelmed their enemies who surrendered en masse after ten of their numbers had been killed. Only one Muslim soldier was killed and that too by mistake. Thus the whole tribe with all its belongings were taken over by the

The other account which, on balance seems to be more accurate suggests that the Muslims took their enemies by surprise and attacked them while they were encamping close to the water spring. Whichever account was true there was no doubt with regard to the results of the expedition. The tribe as a whole had fallen prisoner to the Muslims.

According to the traditions which prevailed at the time in Arabia and outside it, prisoners of war were to become slaves. This applied to both men and women. Two hundred families of Al-Mustalag faced the fate of slavery as a result of their illconsidered plan to attack the Muslims. I hasten to emphasize here that such a prospect was not as terrible as we tend to think nowadays. Slaves in the Muslim state enjoyed all their human rights as fellow human beings to their masters. This was true only in the land of Islam. Islam treats every individual as a human being who is susceptible to be a good servant of Allah. Hence, no one is despised or looked down upon simply because he lacked in fortune or circumstances.

The Prophet, however, did not like this prospect for his vanquished enemies. His primary thoughts did not follow the tendencies of kings and emperors. First and foremost, he was a messenger from Allah whose task was to save mankind from subjugation to false gods. He did not view the financial wellbeing of the Muslim community as his top priority. He realized that an act of kindness might win over the heart of yesterday's

Yet the Prophet could not enact a special legislation for the tribe of Al-Mustalaq. As long as slavery was an international practice, the Muslims could not abolish it unilaterally. If any Muslims ever fell prisoners in a battle they would have been enslaved by their enemies. Hence, enemy prisoners had to be treated likewise. Yet the situation called for an immediate action to help Al-Mustalaq people before it was too late.

The Prophet played a master stroke which brought about the desired result without any adverse repercussions. Among the women taken prisoners was Barrah, the daughter of Al-Harith, the chief of Al-Mustalag. The Prophet took her to himself, granted her her freedom from slavery and proposed to her. When she accepted he married her and renamed her Juwairiyah. When the Muslims realized what the Prophet had done they felt that they could not keep the people of Al-Mustalaq as their slaves. The whole tribe was considered to be relatives of the Prophet now that he had married one of their women. This is in keeping with the tribal traditions of Arabia. So, all the Muslims who had slaves from Al-Mustalaq voluntarily set them free. The Muslims loved the Prophet more than they loved themselves. Hence, it was natural that they did not like to have his relatives as their slaves. Thus, Juwairiyah was celebrated by her tribe as a woman of unparalleled blessing. She was the cause of their change of fortunes from slavery to freedom. Shortly

So far, the events of the expedition of Al-Mustalaq were highly satisfactory to the Muslims. But this was not to last long. The hypocrites were quick on the act to mar the Muslims' achievement. We will explain this next week, Allah willing.

afterward, many of them embraced Islam.

Prophets

Every Muslim must believe in all messengers sent by Allah, making no distinction between them. This means that to a Muslim all the Prophets, sent by Allah as His messengers, have preached the same message and called for the same faith: to believe in Allah as the only god in the universe who has created all and is the Lord of all. They also called on mankind to believe in the day of judgment, when they will stand in front of Allah who will hold them answerable for all they do on this earth. It is clear, then, that the messages of all Prophets were basically the same.

Twentyfive of Allah's messengers are mentioned by name in the Qur'an. There are others whom Allah has chosen not to mention to us. He has indicated, however, that every community or nation has been sent a senger or a warner to make Allah's message known to them. This fits well with the overall Islamic concept of the role of the Prophets and the provision of divine guidance to all people. This guidance could not have been provided so effectively in any other way. Allah has chosen the method of sending Prophets and messengers because, aware of all things as He is, He knows that this is the method which is most suitable to guide man to the right path.

Eighteen of the twentyfive messengers mentioned in the Our an are grouped in the following verses, though not in chronological order: "Such was the argument with which We furnished Abraham against His people. We do raise by degrees whom we will. Your Lord is truly wise, all knowing. We gave Him Isaac and Jacob; and we guided each of them as we had guided Noah aforetime. Out of his offspring, (We bestowed Prophethood upon) David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses and Aaron: for thus do we reward the doers of good; and Zacharia, John, Jesus and Elias: everyone of them was of the righteous; and Ishmail, Elisha, Jonah and Lot. Everyone of them did we favor above other people." (6;83-86) The other seven are mentioned in different verses in the Qur'an. They are: Adam, Houd, Salih, Shuaib, Ishmail, Idris (or Enoch), Thulkifl and Muhammad.

In the Islamic sense, a messenger is a human being, who is sent normally to his own community in the first instance. The fact that he is human cannot be over stressed. He eats and drinks, walks about in the streets, earns his living, gets married and begets children and he is generally subject to everything that may happen to any person. He may be ill at one time, healthy at another; he may feel strong one day, weak on another; he enjoys happy things and is pained by whatever is painful. He lives for a certain period and then dies. Allah, however, has granted His messengers immunity from anything which causes other people to dislike their company.

Having said that, I must emphasize that all Prophets are Allah's chosen people. They set the example for all mankind in every virtue: honesty, sincerity, truthfulness, devotion, purity of conduct, and freedom from all sins. grave or small. Some of them are mentioned in the Qur'an to have received special favor from Allah. Some of them were carefully educated and highly exalted. All of them, however, are equal in having attained the zenith of spiritual exaltation and maintained a pure relationship with Allah. They are immune from sin. Hence, they set the example for the rest of mankind.

Some Prophets have been distinguished for exceptional merit. They are described in the Qur'an as having extra strength and resolve. Those who come into this category are Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (Peace be on them all).

The most distinguished of Allah's messen-

gers is certainly our Prophet, Muhammad. He is indeed the final Prophet who brought the line of Prophethood to its completion. This however, must not be taken as justification for any disrespect to any one of Allah's messengers. They must always be viewed with the highest degree of respect as people chosen by Allah to be the teachers of mankind. Their work was complimentary to one another. The Prophet compares his position in the line of Prophethood as that of a final brick in a fine structure. "I and the other Prophets before me can be compared to a building built by a man who has made every effort to make his building perfect, with the exception of a single brick. Everyone who went into that house wonders at its perfection, except for that missing brick. I am that. With me the line of Prophethood is made com-

All this goes to show that as Muslims we believe in all Prophets, without distinction. Indeed, the Qur'an is emphatic in its requirement of belief in all Prophets. None is to be excluded. Anyone who says that he believes in some Prophets to the exclusion of others is considered to be a non-believer. Those who deny Allah and His messengers,

endeavoring to make a distinction between Allah and His messengers, and who say, 'we believe in some and we deny the others,' and want to pursue a path in between, are disbelievers indeed: for the disbelievers We have prepared a shameful suffering. But as for those who believe in Allah and His messengers and make no distinction between any of them, to them, in time, will He grant their reward in full." (4,150-152) The same idea is further emphasized in another verse: "The Messenger, and the believers with Him, believe in what has been bestowed on him from on high by his Lord: they all believe in Allah, His angels, His revelations, His messengers, making no distinction between any of His messengers; and they say: "We have heard, and we pay heed. Grant us your forgiveness, our Lord; to You we shall all return." (2;285)

Are the Shi'a Muslims? O. Most of the Indian Muslims and their religious leaders consider the Shi'a to be non-Muslims, despite the fact that they believe in the Qur'an and the Oneness of Allah and the message of Muhammad. Of course the Shi'a take a very unfavorable view of the caliphs and of the companions of the Prophet generally. Is this enough reason to consider them non-Mustims?

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A. It is the considered opinion of most institutions of Islamic scholarship that the Shi'a who believe in the twelve Imams are Muslims. Although there are basic differences between the Sunnis and the Shi'a, which go far beyond differences among schools of thought, the general opinion of Muslim scholars has over the years been that

the Shi'a belong to Islam. The Shra, however, are not a single group There are numerous schools of thought among them. Some of these have introduced certain beliefs which are contrary to Islam. Some have shrunk within themselves so that the outside world knows very little about them and about their beliefs. When we say, therefore, that the Shi's are Muslims we do not include among them such groups as have gone beyond the pale of Islam. Of these we can mention the names of the Druz, the Nusairis and the Ismaelis whom we cannot, on the basis of their beliefs, include among Muslims. The major schools of thought among the Shi'a, like the Imamis and the Zaidis are certainly Muslims. The Imami Shi a are predominant in Iran and among the Shra population of Iraq, as in well as other places, while the Zaidis live in large numbers in the Yemen. These two schools constitute the predominant trend among the Sh? a while the other apostate groups live in small concentrations in different parts of the Muslim

Wearing gold and silk Q. Your explanation concerning the prohibition of wearing gold articles by men (Jan. 14, 1983) has left me somwhat confused but I should be grateful for your clarification. The Prophet forbade men to wear gold and silk because, I believe, these were the only precious and haviny items available in those days. In my opinion, by this he did not mean gold and silk only, but all luxurious items which advertise one's financial position.

I have seen many wealthy Muslims wearing expensive gems, diamonds, watches, dresses or using expensive cars which not only cause the poor a twinge of pain as they look at their rich fellow Muslims, but also cause an ever widening gap between the rich and the poor. We know very well that Islam works hard to minimize such a gap. I hope you will kindly educate me in this matter so that I can clear

my confusion.

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A. Our approach to what Allah has forbidden us must always be one of acceptance and satisfaction that Allah forbids only what is harmful, physically, socially or morally, and that He has not left out anything of importance without making clear to us His ruling concerning it. An important rule in matters which are forbidden or made expressly lawful is that if the judgment is based explicitly on a certain reason which is made clear then the ruling is valid as long as the reason obtains. Where no reason is expressly made for a cer-

tain ruling then the ruling is valid for all time. Another important rule of Islamic legislation is that where specific items are made the subject of a certain ruling, which may be either permission or prohibition, then the same ruling cannot be extended to other items unless the ruling itself is based on certain reasons which are clearly applicable to other items. In this connection we may give the example of the Prophet's pronouncement: "People are partners in three things: water, grazing grass and fire." This pro-nouncement indicates that only these three items are common property. Advocates of socialism try to make use of this pronouncement to seek endorsement of socialism by Islam. They claim that since these matters are of great importance to the public then anything which is of similar importance must be nationalized. In the Islamic sense, this is rubbish. The fact that the Prophet specified the items which are common property and specified their number as well means that this ruling apply only to these three items and not to anything else. There is a different Islamic ruling which concerns the natural resources of the land. Advocates of socialism must justify what they call for on the basis of their own arguments. They must not try to give socialism an Islamic dress when socialism, like all other man-made philosophies and creeds, is in conflict with Islam.

Concerning silk and gold, the prohibition is stated in the Prophet's pronouncement when he held gold in one hand and silk in the other and said: "These two are forbidden for the men of my nation, lawful for its women." He did not specify the reason for this prohibition. We can deduce the reasons certainly, but whatever we deduce is not considered final and exclusive in the sense that the prohibition applies only when these reasons we have deduced are valid. The prohibition remains for all time. The fact the Prophet's pronouncement specified these two items means that the prohibition applies to them only.

I must stress quite clearly that no other item can be prohibited on the basis of this pronouncement of the Prophet, regardless of its value in the market or its exotic appearance. After all, it is not forbidden to wear

beautiful and handsome articles, whether as clothing or ornaments. Allah says in the Qur'an: "Children of Adam, put on your adorument for every act of worship, and eat and drink, but do not waste: Indeed, Allah does not love the wasteful. Say: "Who is there to forbid the beauty which Allah has brought forth for His creatures, and the good things from among the means of sustemance?" Say: They are lawful in the life of this world unto all the believers — to be theirs alone on resurrection day." (7; 31-32) This clearly indicates that what we may term as "luxury items" are not forbidden, unless they are

made of gold or silk. Your question raises another point which must be tackled separately, namely, showing off. To adopt an attitude of showing off, in any circumstances, is forbidden. The prohibition here is based on the injury such an action causes to others. But showing off can have a much wider area than wearing expensive articles. Indeed, the two need not be interrelated. One can wear fine and expensive things without adding an air of haughtiness to his behavior. Conversely, one can be haughty, lofty and disdainful of others although he may wear the cheapest of arti-cles. This is, indeed, an attitude of mind which one adopts consciously. It is, therefore, forbidden because of its ill-effect on society.

Having said that, I should add that a person who is rich enough to wear expensive and luxurious items should not overlook his duty which Allah has imposed on rich people.

EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 022 AH — The year began on Saturday, Nov. 30, 642 A.C.

- Umer Ibn al Aas marched from Askandariya toward the west and conquered Barga. Further he moved to Tripoli and conquered it after a siege of one

— On the eastern front many expeditions were sent for controlling a territory between India and Iraq. — Huzaifa Ibn al Yaman re-established

the Muslim rule in Denour. — Nusim bin Muqrin captured Hamadan and Rayye.

 Qazween and Zanjan fell into the hands of Mughaira bin Shuba. -Bukair bin Abdullah took over Azer-

- Suraga bin Amr captured Qogaz and

Bab.

- Almaf bin Quis marched upon Khurasan (Afghanistan) and conquered Herat Anwa. - On the northern front Ameer Moswiya marched and conquered Seifa in

— Abu Tariq Hajazi

They differed only in lagislative details, while in matters of faith they were consistently simi-

And jump to sixth position

Spurs stamp their mark on Villa

LONDON, March 24 (Agencies) - Mark Falco stole new signing Alan Brazil's thunder with two goals to give Tottenham Hotspur a crucial 2-0 win over Aston Villa at White Hart Lane in an English League Division

One clash Wednesday night.

However, Brazil, the 500,000-pound former Ipswich striker making his home debut, created Falco's first after 35 minutes. The result means that the London dub jump to sixth position in the English First Division - well poised to qualify for next season's UEFA Cup. Only 20,000 watched the macth.

Brazil was in sparkling form but frequently out of synchronization with the rest of his

Steve Walford's first goal of the season, ten minutes from time, saved Norwich City a precious point at home to Coventry Walford, in only his second came back after suspension lobbed the ball home from 20 yards, to level

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TISH PREMIER DIVISION

the scores after Steve Whitton had fired Coventry into a 68th minute lead.

Wrexham will meet Swansea City in the final of the Weish Cup. They made sure of a home and away final clash with John Tosahack's team by drawing 0-0 at home to Caernarvon Town, after having beaten the 'minnows" on their ground.

In Scotland, the Glasgow 'Derby' between Celtic and Rangers ended in a disappointing 0-0 draw but the point was enough to enable Celtic to climb back to the top of the Scottish Premier Division, thanks to a better goal difference than Aberdeen. Aberdeen's away match with Hibernian in Edinburgh was

postponed owing to a waterflogged ground.

Meanwhile, English teams Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United are lined up for a cloxe-season clash — in Swaziland.

The original plan for Liverpool and Manchester United to play a series of summer

matches in South Africa was vetoed by the Football Association, and Liverpool have now dropped out. Now the football festival has been switched to nearby Swaziland, a member of FIFA, and Spurs have agreed to take Liverpool's place. The match will be played in June.

Tottenham secretary Peter Day confirmed: "We have accepted the invitation. We have had clearance from both the F.A. and FIFA and there are no political problems otherwise we would not be going."

He would not reveal the financial carrot offered but said: "Any summer tours we undertake have to have the right sort of monetary rewards."

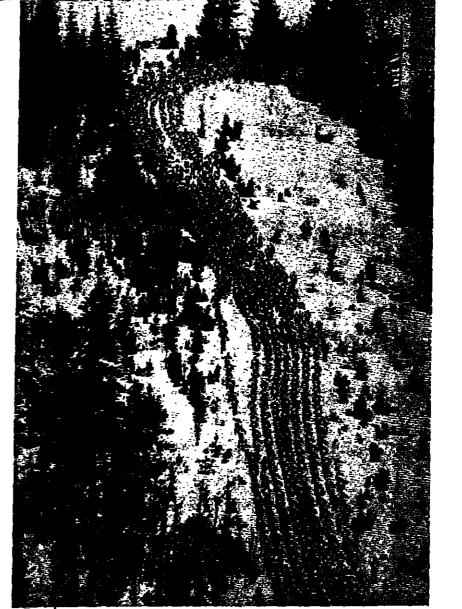
In Paris, France and the Soviet Union drew 1-1 in an entertaining friendly soccer interna-ional in the Parc Des Princes Stadium Wednesday. France, showing a lot of changes from the side which finished fourth in the World Cup, will be pleased with the performances of new recruits Luis Fernandez. Jean-Marc Ferreri and Loic Amisse.

After surviving an early French onslaught, the Soviet Union gradually took control and it was no surprise when Tchernenkov opened the scoring on the balf-hour mark. But the French, who will host the 1984 European Championship, came roaring back under the inspiration of Michel Platini. Platini, who plays for Italian giants Juventus, set up the equalizers in the 43rd minute with a delicate back heel to Fernandez, who drove home with consummate ease.

Central defender Dave Watson, 36, a veteran of 600 English League and Cup games, will join the back line of the Vancouver Whitecaps, the North American Soccer League club said Wednesday.

Watson, from Stoke City, has played 65 games for England. He signed a standard NASL two-year contract with a two-year option. Terms were not dislosed.

Watson, who will be available for the Whitecaps' Spring Cup game April 17 against the New York Cosmos, has also played in England for Notts County, Rotherham, Sunderland, Manchester City and Southampton.



STRIKING SHOW: The picturesque pine trees and the hoards of enthusiastic skiers, seen gliding down the hillside, blend with the snow to give a striking show in the annual Marathon Skiing Tournament in Finland. The 13,000 participants, an all-time record, indicated a growing popularity of the decade-old event which saw only 1,900 skiers on the starting ranks ten years back. Norwegian Mahnar Rishmyhr covered the 75 km course in three hours and 43 minutes to win the event.

Mark Falco... nets both for Spurs In Milk Cup final

United could upset Liverpool's applecart

LONDON, March 24 (AP) — Liverpool and Manchester United, two of the proudest and most famous names in English soccer, clash Saturday to decide the season's first major domestic trophy - the Milk Cup, formerly known as the League Cup.

All 92,000 tickets have been sold for the Wembley final between the two northern giants with Bob Paisley, in his last season as Liverpool manager, attempting to win the Cup for a record third consecutive time.

For Liverpool, victory will be a wellearned bonus to add to what will surely be yet another First Division championship. With one quarter of the league season remaining, staggering 13 points clear of their nearest

rivals - from retaining the title. On paper, the match should be an entertaining showpiece between two teams studded with international stars. Each has a combination on aggression, style in midfield and some deadly goal scorers up front, Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush — the First Division's leading marksman — for Liverpool, Frank Stapleton and the prodigious Norman

Fancies Austin

ousts Ruzici in

nail-biting duel

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP) — Fourth-seeded Tracy Austin, battling from behind the entire night, outlasted Virginia Ruzici of Romania 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 and No. 2 Chris Evert

Lloyd crushed Zina Garrison 6-3, 6-0 Wed-

nesday in the opening round of the \$350,000

Virginia Slims Championships of New York

Bettina Bunge of West Germany defeated Bonnie Gadusek 6-3, 6-2 in a match that

finished late before just a handful of the

crowd of 9,960. The victory sends Bunge into

a second-round meeting against Lloyd on

Thursday. Lloyd disposed of Garrison,

ranked 11th in the world, in 66 minutes,

dominating play both from the baseline and

In posting her third career victory over the

Houston native in as many meetings, Lloyd

broke out to a 3-0 lead in the first set, then

dismantled the speedy Garrison in the second

Sylvia Hanika of West Germany in a second-

round match on Thursday. Hanika advanced

with an easy 6-0, 6-2 win over Kathy Rinaldi.

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 24 — The top two teams

of the Slazenger-sponsored Jeddah Badmin-

ton League, Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC) 1

and King Khaled Hospital (KKH) 1, continued their fierce battle for the premier

Both the teams registered fluent 9-0 vic-

tories and were neck and neck in the race for

the top honors. While JBC 1 handed a thrash-

ing to Tretum, KKH 1 trounced ACE to stay

But KKH 1 has played one game more

than JBC 1, who are really breathing down

their necks. Also JBC 1 are the only team

with a clean record and in all probability can

overtake the leaders with a resounding 9-0

verdict over Lockheed. Abbar could also

seven points clear of JBC 1.

Austin's hard-earned victory sends against

Women's Tennis Tournament.

set to cruise to victory.

Whiteside, not yet 18, for United. United, whose fanatical supporters have been starved of success since the F.A. Cupthe country's premier knockout competition - went to Old Trafford in 1977, are at last developing again into one of the nation's

most feared sides. As well as Saturday's Milk Cup final appearance, Ron Atkinson's team has also reached next month's semifinals of the F.A. Cup and is placed third in the league standings. Although Liverpool will start slight favorita Saturday, a United victory will be no

Manchester's task, however, is bound to be hindered by the absence of England midfielder Bryan Robson, arguably the most Robson, who injured ankle ligaments playing against Arsenal in the semi-final last month, has failed to recover in time. His place is almost certain to go to England colleague Ray Wilkins, who has been unable to find a regular place in the team since returning from injury himself. Liverpool expects to have Graeme Souness, who sat out Tuesday night's match at Brighton, back in midfield

after a calf strain. Although Saturday's Wembley encounter overshadows the league program, the team sandwiched between Liverpool and Manchester United at the top, Watford, will be hoping to consolidate its second place at the expense of Stoke.

But the gritty midlands outfit provides tough opposition on its home ground, where it has lost only three times this season, and Watford will do well to earn a draw.

All the relegation-threatened sides have home matches. Improving Norwich would appear to have the best chance of victory against suspect travelers West Ham while Birmingham, with only six wins all term, could well beat an inconsistent Notts County.

One of the most attractive matches should De on the south coast where Brighton's recent form has belied its place at the bottom of the standings. Semifinalists in the F.A. Cup, the seaside club squandered a two-goal lead against mighty Liverpool on Tuesday and had to settle for a draw. On Saturday, it again hosts formidable opposition in the shape of fourth-placed Aston Villa, last season's winner of the European Champions Cup.

Other First Division matches pit Everton against Arsenal, Luton against Sunderland, Nottingham Forest against Southampton and Swansea against West Bromwich.

Poles prove too swift for Yugoslavs

TOKYO, March 24 (AFP) - Strongly favored Poland overpowered Yugoslavia 12-2 (4-1, 3-0, 5-1) for its second straight win in as many matches in the Group 'B' Ice Hockey World Championships here Thurs-

The Poles were just too strong for the Yugoslavs, who suffered their third defeat in three games so far. Andrzej Hachua scored a hat-trick, while Andrzej Zabawa, Jerzy Christ and Jan Piecko slapped in two goals each. For the Yugoslavs Marijan Gorenc and Joze Kayac were the scorers.

Meanwhile, Austria edged Norway 3-2 (1-1, 2-0, 0-1) for their first win in the second match of the day.

Gregory Hoist opened the score at 4:34

while the Austrians were attacking powerfully. After catching a loose puck, Holst dribbled past the Norwegian defense and slapped in. Trond Abrahamsen made it 1-1 seconds before the first period ended. He made a long slap shot from the blue line. The puck hit goalkeeper Robert Mar's gloves and

rebounded into the net.

The second period saw the Austrians outplay the Norwegians in team coordination and they scored two goals without reply. The Norwegians made it 3-2 one minute after the start of the final period with Erik Kristiansen scoring on a pass from Oerjan Loevdal following a goalmouth melee.

In the final minute the Norwegians went hard for an equalizer with even goalkeeper Jim Martinsen participating in the attack.

Lendl makes short work of Mayotte

MILAN, Italy, March 24 (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia downed Tim Mayotte of the U.S. 6-2, 7-6 in a second round match of the \$365,000 Cuore Tennis Cup here Wednesday night and moved into a quarterfinal clash against another American, Sandy Mayer.

Mayotte, a 22-year-old unseeded player. lost his serve twice in the first three games only scoring three points and looked at the mercy of the opponent. After losing his serve again in the fifth game of the second set, the American improved his play, returned the break in the 8th game and fought to a 6-6 tie. In the tiebreaker he went ahead 7-6 before surrendering 8-10 after one hour and 29 minutes of play.

Sandy Mayer, the elder of the Mayer tennis brothers, won an earlier match against fellow-American Hank Pfister 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to gain a quarterfinal berth against Lendl.

American Chip Hooper and another Czechoslovak, Tomas Smid, also moved into the quarterfinals of the 32-player, one-weektournament at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace. Hooper, an unseeded, 24-year-old player of Sunnyvale, Calif., downed New Zealander Russele Simpson 7-5, 6-2 in one hour and 29 minutes. Hooper capitalized on a powerful and precise serve and on fine backhand passing shots.

Simpson looked tired out after the overnight first round struggle in which he upset fourth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis. Smid, a teammate of Lendl on the Czech Davis Cup lineup, made short work of Shlomo Glicks-

Meanwhile, top seed Jimmy Arias, an 18-year-old American, was saved by darkness Wednesday in the \$75,000 Donnav Open Tennis Tournament when his secondround match against Frenchman Christophe Casa was postponed with Arias trailing 7-5, 5-7 and 4-2 in the final set.

The day went better for another American teenager. Unseeded Jimmy Brown, a 17year-old from the U.S., knocked out No. 4 seed Pablo Arraya of Peru 7-6, 6-2, to qualify for the quarterfinals. Arraya was the fifth seeded player to fall in the tournament.

In the two other second-round encounters completed Wednesday, Mario Martinez of Bolivia finally pulled through an up-anddown contest against Frenchman Gilles Moretton with a 4-6, 7-6, 6-1 victory while Spain's Fernando Luna ousted Swede's Magnus Tidemann, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. Luna now meets Brown in the quarterfinals and Martinez will play the winner of Arias-Casa, a match which resumes Thursday.

Arias, ranked 17th in the world, was surprised by the skill of Casa, a 25-year-old ranked 484 on the ATP computer.

For four-day tie against Guyana Gavaskar back at India's helm

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, March 24 (AFP) - Sunil Gavaskar, India's leading run-scorer in Test cricket whose form so far on their West Indian tour has been one of the major disappointments, takes over the captaincy for the four-day match against Guyana starting here Thursday.

Tour captain Kapil Dev is resting and vice-captain Syed Kirmani has been sidelined by a sprained ankle sustained when playing tennis three days ago. Gavaskar, deposed as captain after the recent disastrous series against Pakistan, which India lost 3-0 and replaced for this tour by all-rounder Kapil Dev, has been only a shadow of the batsman who plundered West Indian bowling on two previous tours of the Caribbean in 1971 and 1976. Many feel it is only a temporary loss of form which he will put right soon. The Indians have won both their previous

games against territorial teams, beating Trinidad and Tobago by an innings and the Windwards by 129 runs. Guyana are the 1983 West Indies champ-

ions in both the Shell Shield four-day compet-

ition and the Geddes Grant / Harrison Line limited-overs trophy competition. them to both titles, is resting and former West

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, who led Indies Test player, 40-year-old Roy Fredericks who hit 103 and 217 in two innings on

The keenest encounter of the week saw

Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC) 2 just manag-

ing to put it across second-from-botton IAL.

In a match where fortunes fluctuated JBC 2

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points from their extra match in hand.

snatched a 5-4 victory.

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his return to Shield cricket this season, is standing down so that younger players will have the chance and batsman Monte Lynch, who plays for Surrey in the English County Championship, has returned to England.

This is the last match for the Indians before the second of the three One-Day internationals series on Tuesday and the third Test against the West Indies starting March 29. MacFarlane's call

to ignore cash lure LONDON, March 24 (AFP) - British Sports Minister Neil MacFarlane Wednesday urged Britain's sporting organizations to tell their players to reject attractive cash offers to take part in sport in South Africa.

He warned in parliament that "short-term financial inducements" could cause "lasting damage to the reputations" of governing bodies and "disrupt successful Commonwealth sporting links."

The call to bodies such as the Football Association (F.A.) and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) came in parliament after MPs condemned "financial inducements" to encourage British sportsmen and women to play in South Africa.

MacFarlane said: "I can only hope that everybody will recognize the potential seriousness of what is happening, and the deep impact it could have on relationships elsewhere. I can only hope governing bodies will draw to the attention of their players the need to reject these short-term financial inducements."

For the opposition Labor Party, Denis Howell said he had ascertained that between five and six million pounds had been offered to sportsmen last year "for the purpose of undermining and severely damaging British sporting interests."

The former Labor sports minister said the next Commonwealth Games, in Edinburgh in 1986, Test cricket and other major international sporting events were "now very seriously threatened by this financial inducements that is going on.'

MacFarlane had been urged by Labor MP Dennis Canavan to investigate South African-linked "slush funds" which, he said, were created to "smash the Gleneagles agreement", in addition to organization like the Freedom for Sport campaign.

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JBC, KKH record cakewalk wins

By John Crasto

Special to Arab News BOMBAY, March 24 - When ecstacy turns to anguish the transition is devastating. Pakistan face that unenviable agony today. Their glittering World Cup triumph saw them at the firmament of hockey, their defeats in the Champions trophy and the Esanda tourney saw them enveloped in a pall of gloom.

India have it no better. The silver lining for them was twice visible at the horizon. But their hopes were shattered almost at the threshold of glory. What a shambles those Asian Games and Esanda finals were! As has been for them in the past few years so it is today — all ashes and sackcloth. When the turn of fortune will come nobody dares



STALWART: Australia's Ric Charlesworth (with headhand), a dynamic leader, is seen challenging an Indian attacker during the Esanda tourney.

Gone is the light that once shone bright The traditional hockey play

seems to stand in Asia's way shattering in its simplicity. We are not mov-ing with the times, we stick to traditional play patterns which are ineffective on

astroturf. Stickwork without leg strength and a bigger windbox does not procure much advantage. Impractical planning and too much of emphasis on individuals rather than a build-up of team strength has undermined Asian supremacy.

And there is another conspicuous factor weighing against the giants of Asia — selection procedures are complicated with too much sentiment. This is more prominent in India's case. The team must have countrywide representation notwithstanding the caliber of the player. The Punjabis feel they play hockey best, so you must have a sikh in the side. The southerners feel they are the more intelligent, so you must have a Bombayman or a Madras player in the side. You must have somebody from the army too. And so it goes, those august individuals comprising selection committees indulge in the ridiculous business of state-wise back-scratching. The sequel to the folly is ulti-

Pakistan rely too much on Hassan Sardar. He is undoubtedly the world's best striker today. But when he is not there the Pakistan attack loses that distinctive fire. So it happened in the Esanda tourney. And the tremendous reliance on Akhtar Rasool showed Pakistan's vulnerability in the Champions Trophy at Amsterdam. Nobody was good enough down the middle as was the fabulous Akhtar Rasool. The point

stressed here is that individuals rise above the team. When will Pakistan make the climb back to the pinnacle? That is what the world is waiting for.

The pessimist will say, "it will be a long wait for Pakistan and India". The optimist will say, "be like the Australians and you'll be back there at the top". The Aussies are like a bunch of efficient mercenaries, each a specialist in his trade. And their leader is that swashbuckling diehard, Ric Charlesworth. The wily Ric, outstanding both in cricket and hockey, has the guile and skill to coordinate the attack so well. When necessary he will dribble through to goals.

How Haselhurst, Terry Walsh and company make good with the promptings of a clever leader for whom age is no bar to efficiency is the success story today. In fact the age factor in the Aussie side is negligible. Whether young or seasoned like Trevor Smith or hard and tough as Jim Irvine they are all competent exponents driving to a fixed goal. They believe that success is the way, that is why the Australians are worldbeaters today.

India trained for the Asian Games for more than a year. The Australians trained as a team for just 15 days — the Aussie coaches offer postal training schedules the efficacy of which is guaged when the players assemble for selection. Only the best make the side. The Aussies are blessed with good physiques, they have speed and skill heightened by individual workouts pre-directed by the coach's postal orders. But most

important they have a positive outlook,

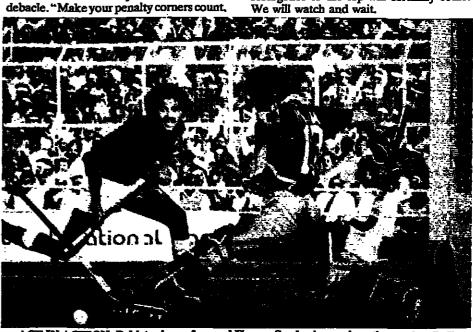
they play to win.

The Asian hockey scene is certainly gloomy today. So was it with England with soccer once. They changed to the modern style of football and won the World Cup with Alf Ramsey. If you ask India and Pakistan coaches to learn from their foreign counterparts they'd scott you off. But Trevor Clarke, who is England's coach of coaches, has the probable answer to overcome Asia's hockey problem. "Develop your calf muscles and build leg strength", Clarke said in Bombay after the Esanda

educate your goalkeepers about the correct stance to block penalty corner shots. And base your play patterns according to prevailing situations", he added.

Clarke has seen both India and Pakistan in probably every international in recent years. "They are still the best, their natural skill is the greatest asset on astroturf", he emphasized. Clarke's words could not be more enlightening, "study the play of others, absorb what is best and harness your own skill to arrive at a positive combination based on skill, speed and strength".

The time has come for India and Pakistan to shrug aside the fad about sticking to our traditional play. The day Asia begins to build the new way then the turn for resurgence to the top will certainly come. We will watch and wait.



ACE IN ACTION: Pakistan's ace forward Hassan Sardar is seen in action against India in the recently concluded Asian Games in New Delhi.

In All-England

Seeds take a tumble the No. 3 seed, Icuk Sugiarto of Indonesia

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) — It was an afternoon of shocks in the men's singles on the second day of the All-England Badminton Championships at the Wembley arena

As a result of the eight third round matches there are, incredibly, only three of the seven seeds left in the men's singles. The eighth, Liem Swie King of Indonesia, No. 2 seed, pulled out of the tournament before it began because of injury. The three remaining seeds are Morten Hansen Frost of Denmark, the title-holder and No. 1, Luan Jin of China, the No. 4, and Prakash Padukone of India, the No. 5 and 1980 champion.

That trio are all facing up to the victorous challenge from a group of unseeded intrud-ers. Welshman Phil Sutton, after knocking out the No. 8 seed, Li Yongbo of China Wednesday, eliminated Sompol Kukasemkij of Thailand, 4-15, 15-5, 17-14.

Tian Bingyi of China, who accounted for

Soccer briefs

England's bid LONDON (R) - England will almost cer-

tainly bid to stage the 1990 World Soccer Cup finals, Football Association (F.A.) secretary Ted Croker said Thursday.

"It should be in Europe and we would be one of the European countries, who would be able to put it on," he said. "We will almost certainly make a bid." The Soviet Union and Italy have already indicated they are interested in hosting the competition. Bids have to be received by the International Football Federation (FIFA) within the next two years.

Reagan gives the nod NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan endorsed the United States' effort to host the 1986 World Cup tournament Wednesday in a letter received by Gene Edwards, president of the United States Soc-

In the letter, Reagan said: "Should the United States be selected as the host nation. our government looks forward to the opportunity to work with the federation and other officials to facilitate the arrangements.

Trophy damaged

LONDON (AFP) — The Milk Cup had to be taken in for urgent repairs little more than 48 hours before the final between Manchester United and Liverpool at Wembley here on Saturday.

The Cup was dropped at the National Dairy Council lunch here and the silver figure of a footballer was knocked off the lid. The trophy had to be taken to a jewellers for

LONDON (AFP) — The English Football Association are to lift their ban on Scotland having tickets to sell for the England versus Scotland Wembley fixture. Not tickets were sold north of the border for the match in 1981 but now the Scottish Football Association are to get tickets, following a request from the minister of sport.

The ban for 1981 was introduced after

outbreaks of hooliganism by Scottish fans at Wembley and in the London area on previous

Wednesday 15-8, 15-11, beat Sze Yu of Hong Kong. Yu had downed Japan's Kenjo Zeniya in the earlier round. Artistic Nick Yates of England beat China's Chen Changjie, No. 6, 18-17, 15-10, and Denmark's Jens-Pier Nierhoff halted the stuttering progress of Malaysia's Misbun Sidek, recent winner of the Swedish open, 15-9, 5-15, 15-10, and, finally, another Dane, Kenneth Larsen. who is making the most of Liem Swie King's absence, got rid of Thailand's Udov Leungpetcharaporn, 15-3, 15-8.

Such is the fate of the Asian giants. Once

it was roses all the way, now the mighty have

fallen. A new super power has surged to the

forefront of world bockey - the green and

gold of Australia is flying over the globe.

And the Dutchmen, stolid and fleet of foot.

are waging ceaseless battle with the Tuetonic brawn for European and world

supremacy. Truly the hockey scene is full of

challenge. A combination of intelligence,

brawn and skill is vital for any nation to be

What has brought about the shift in the

Top-seeded and defending champion, Morten Hansen Frost was again in outstanding form in beating Joo Boongpark, the sole surviving South Korean, conceding a mere 14 points in his 15-4, 15-10 victory.

However, fourth-seeded Jin had to make the grade the hard way. He encountered unexpected resistance from Swede Goran Carlsson and had to draw on all his experience to quell the Swede's challenge for a 17-14, 17-14. Indian ace Prakash Padukone sailed past Denmark's Michael Kjeldsen 15-3, 15-8.

In contrast, in the women's singles, the seven remaining seeds all won their way through to the quarterfinals without any difficulty. Canada's Clair Backhouse, who eliminated the No. 8 seed, Karen Larsen of Denmark on the opening day, went out to England's Karen Beckman, who is thus the only non-seed left.

The 22-year-old Beckman defeated the Canadian 11-9 11-7.

The only other player to meet with any resistance in the third round was Denmark's Lene Koppen, a former holder of the All-England title. But she also won in straight games, 11-6, 12-11, against Guernsey's Sally Podger. The Dane thus avenged her defeat at the hands of the 21-year-old Briton in the

NEW DELHI, March 24 (R) — The Olympic authorities plan to drop their proposals to enlist the help of the United Nations

in protecting the Games from political inter-

The International Olympic Committee

(IOC) last year approved a draft declaration asking U.N. member nations to protect the

Games by avoiding any action which would

The declaration, which was to have been submitted to the U.N. General Assembly,

was aimed at preventing the political boycotts

which affected the 1976 Montreal Olympics

and the 1980 Moscow Games. But Dick

Pound, a Canadian member of the IOC, told

reporters the scheme would be dropped for

the moment because of changes in the politi-

cal situation. He could not imagine the plan

being re-introduced in the forseable future.

"With the mood in the General Assembly at

the moment and the reading we're getting, it

would be a bad mistake to try this right now,"

Pound, chairman of the IOC commission

which will recommend postponement to the

IOC session this week, added: "Our assess-

ment is that things are so mixed up on the

he said.

harm the Olympic movement.

ference, a leading official said Thursday.



GEARING UP: Honda team, making their way back into the Formula One racing this year, are gearing up for the demanding season with final tests to their man and machine in Rio de Janeiro. Swede Stefan Johanson is seen in the cockpit of the new Honda racer which is being

As Williams, Thompson excel

Sonic boom sinks Spurs

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP) - Will the real Seattle Supersonics please stand up? The Sonics started the season as if they would challenge for the National Basketball Association title, winning their first 12

But they quickly settled into mediocrity and a few weeks ago it began to look as if they might not even make the playoffs as they won

just nine of 30 games.
On Wednesday night, however, Seattle handed the Midwest Division-leading San Antonio Spurs their worst defeat of the season, 137-117. It was the Sonics' seventh triumph in their last eight games and gave them a 40-0 record. "We're getting back to the way we started the season." Sonics coach

international scene that we're better off post-

poning it."
The IOC was concerned that the political

climate was such that it risked losing control

of the declaration once it reached the floor of

the General Assembly. Pound felt the Soviet

Union and other Eastern Bloc countries had

been favorable, but added: "I think most of

the Western countries were sceptical whether

No response had been received from the

U.S., possibly because of the American role

in leading the boycott of the 1980 Games in protest against the Soviet Union's military

intervention in Afghanistan, Pound said. He

also felt that although many National

Olympic Committees had responded favor-ably during visits by IOC President Juan

Antonio Samaranch, this did not necessarily

reflect the attitude those countries would,

The IOC has agreed that the soccer qualify-

ing competition already under way should be

controlled by FIFA, whose eligibility code

allows participation by professional players

so long as they have not appeared in the

World Cup and are not contracted to endors-

take on the declaration at the U.N.

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this could be accomplished."

Lenny Wilkens said. "We're not quite there

yet, but we're getting there step by step."
Elsewhere in the NBA, Boston beat
Atlanta 114-102, New Jersey stomped Utah 124-104. Philadelphia edged Milwaukee 104-101 in overtime, Cleveland stopped New York 84-81 and Detroit crushed Indiana 109-96.

Seattle got 27 points and 13 assists from Gus Williams, 24 points from David Thompson and 23 from Fred Brown in its victory over San Antonio.

The Sonics also held starting Spurs forward Gene Banks to four points on 1-for-9 shooting But San Antonio center Artis Gilmore connected on 12 of 15 attempts for 31 points. Seattle led 28-24 after the first quarter before Brown got 12 points in the second period to help the Sonics take a commanding 69-55

Celtics 114, Hawks 102: Robert Parish scored 27 points and Larry Bird added 25 as Boston snapped Atlanta's four-game winming streak. The Celtics, who had lost five of their previous seven outings, had a 12-point lead before the Hawks scored nine in a row to cut the deficit to 71-68 in the third guarter.

76ers 104, Bucks 101: Philadelphia bounced back from Tuesday night's loss to New York to beat Milwaukee for its 58th victory in 68 games and 24th straight at home. Moses Malone had 25 points for the 76ers, including two free throws with five seconds left in overtime. Marques Johnson led the Bucks with 24 points.

Cavaliers 84, Knicks 81: Cleveland beat New York for the first time in 18 tries as Phil Hubbard had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Jeff Cook made three free throws in the final 10 seconds.

The Cavaliers, who snapped a six-game losing streak, led 73-63 early in the fourth quarter, but the Knicks cut the deficit to 81-79 with 1:01 remaining.
Pistons 109, Pacers 96: Kelly Tripucka,

who averaged 32 points in six games against Indiana this season, scored 38 points as Detroit handed the Pacers their fifth straight loss and17th setback in 18 outings.

At Long Beach Grand Prix

Jones to unleash his arrows

LONG BEACH, California, March 24 (AFP) — Australian driver Alan Jones is expected to make his return to Formula One by competing for the British Arrows team in the United States West Grand Prix here Sun-

Jones, the 1980 World Champion, had a practice drive Wednesday in an Arrows at Wealow Springs, a circuit about a hundred miles from Los Angeles. Wet weather caused the car to spin round on one occasion, but the Australian managed to avoid and accident.

It is only ten days since plaster was removed from one of his arms after a riding accident, but Jones says he is fit. "I will do everything in my power to be at the trials on Friday and Saturday and at the start of the Grand Prix at Long Beach on Sunday," he said. Jones retired from the Saudia-Williams team at the end of the 1981 season.

Meanwhile, the French-based Renault team plan to adopt the controversial midrace refuelling procedure for next month's French Grand Prix, No. 1 driver Alain Prost

The risky operation paid off for the first time in the Brazilian Grand Prix on March 13 when engineerrs changed the tyres and top-ped up the tank on Nelson Piquet's Brabham so speedily that the Brazilian hero left the pits before he had even lost his lead. Starting with a half-empty tank gave him a big advantage he was able to build on when he had new

The Saudia-Williams stabble tried refuelling for the first time at Jacarepagua, but world champinon Keke Rosberg of Finland lost a valuable minute when he left his car after fuel ignited.

Jerry Pate drops out

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 24 (AP) - A neck injury forced defending champion Jerry Pate to withdraw Wednesday from the prestigious Tournament Players Champion-

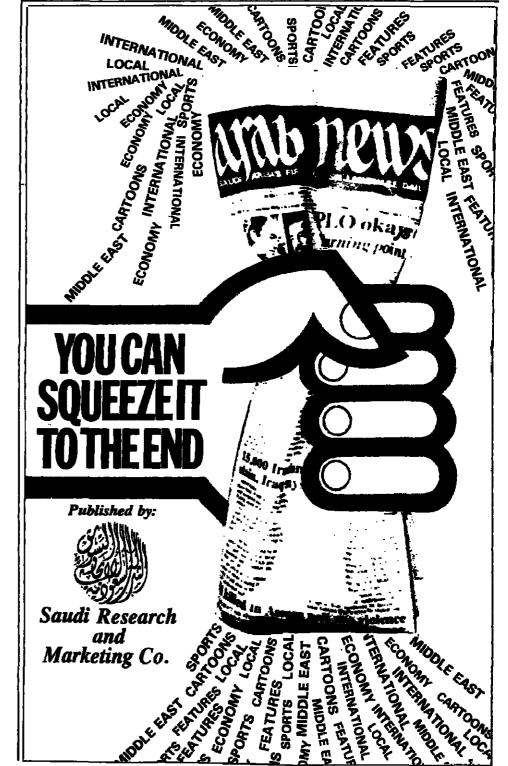
Pate said he would return to his home in Pensacola, Florida, and seek medical treatment for the injury that has troubled him for several months

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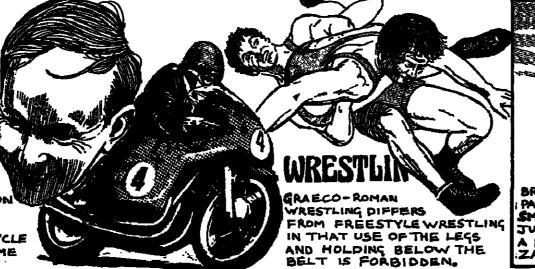
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IOC not to seek U.N.'s help



Dog Detective Ranjha

The case of the superstitious gardener

By Partap Sharma

This was not a very serious case. In fact, it turned out to be something of a joke and the only reason I recall it here is because it shows how gullible human beings can be.

The gardener concerned was known as Bhau Malli. He looked so typically the yokel - with his teeth spraying outward over his lower lip, his stammer, his over emphatic gestures and his little white cap set aslant on the back of his head -- that people usually refused to think that he was as fool-

ish as he looked. Bhau Malli's garden flourished. He rarely watered the plants and when he did, it was always under the noonday sun. But flowers sprouted and birds chirruped about and bees made honeycombs in the trees. Bhau Malli lived like a happy jungle savage in that garden. He never even cut the grass but it never grew too long because wandering cattle and donkeys sauntered in and chewed it trim. The house and garden were enclosed by gates, of course. But Bhau Malli never shut the gates. Instead, he charged a fee of

anyone whose cattle had fed in his grounds. People marveled at his ability to prosper and to smile through all adversity - which he actually seemed to invite - while other gardeners were clutching their turbans and running about chucking stones at intruding monkeys and such. Bhau Malli gave bananas and nuts to the visiting hordes of monkeys, and sometimes he pretended he could discuss things with them. When you consider it carefully, perhaps it was not such a silly thing for him to do because otherwise he would just stand there in the garden and talk to himself.

Bhau Malli had a family. He had a wife and five children. Some of the children looked like him and some of them didn't. It is possible that one or two of them had just wandered in through the open gate and joined the brood. Anything was possible. For instance, various dogs slipped into the garden and within minutes became his. There was one lame creature who barked and snarled at nothing, somewhat like his master, and when he was carted away one day by a man who claimed him, the mangy dog limped back a year later from a village one hundred miles away.

If a bitch littered in some cosy corner of the sprawling garden, Bhau Malli sold the sweet little pups and with the money held a little feast and invited a local pundit to hold a prayer meeting in his hut. The mother of the pups would go sniffing after the pups and, within the week, they would come, toddling one by one behind her back into the garden. Sometimes he sold the same pups three times over.

There were days, too, when he would tuck a flower behind his ear and declare it a holiday and go to sleep under a tree. If some neighbor's hens disturbed him with their furious clucking, he would bestir himself to go and pick up the eggs they had laid. He always drank milk in the evenings, drawn straight from the udders of visiting cows. And he never bothered to lop the dead wood from trees in the garden. Instead, he sold parts of trees by the branch to local woodcutters.

The owner of the house suspected most of this but being a kind old lady who lived most of the time in Poona, she let Bhau Malli drift on in his ways as long as the garden was kept well. And it was. On the rare occasions when she had reason to pull him up, he would look up at the sky and mutter for not letting the rains fall. His manner seemed to imply that it was beyond his control. Most people would have thought that this was a clever ruse on the part of the gardener

but the fact is he was quite sincere.

One day Bhau Malli came to Woof and asked for a contribution of ten rupees; he said he was raising money in order to engage the services of a pundit (a learned Brahmin) who would help him to recover some pots which had been stolen from his hut. Now, Woof knew that Bhau Malli was a devout Hindu and given to practicing the occasional ritual. But he was shocked that he was so superstitious as to think that the mumbo-jumbo of a charlatan could help

him get back his stolen pots and pans. Woof said, "I don't mind contributing ten rupees toward the recovery of your stoken utensils but, in my opinion, you would be much better served if you depended on this dog to help you. I suggest you save your money - and, incidentally, mine - and forget about going to a pundit. Tell me how the pots came to be stolen and I'm sure

Ranjha will help you."

Bhau Malli took Woof's chiding in good spirit; he laughed and grinned and nodded and seemed to agree but, in the end, he insisted on going to the charlatan.
"Very well," said Woof. "Let us see who

catches the thief, Ranjha or the pundit." When Bhau returned from his visit to the pundit Woof asked what had transpired. Bhau said that the pundit was working on the case with his mystic vision but in the meantime he had admitted that it was all a bit foggy. Sooner or later, the mist over the matter was bound to clear.

"Good heavens!" Woof exclaimed. "That's as vague as any man can be."

Bhau nodded and grinned and sucked in his breath and with an emphatic gesture said, "Yes, very, very vague. B-b-b-but he's w-w-working on the c-c-case. He's told me not to w-w-worry."

"All right," Woof said. "Now let me put Ranjha into his tracking harness and let's go over to your hut."

The pots had been stolen three days before, on Republic Day, when the whole family had gone to the bazaar to join in the anniversary festivities and to watch the parade. Bhau's hut, like the gate to the garden, was never locked. The door had been left ajar. The thief had strolled in, seen that he was unobserved, and selected the best copper pots from the shelf and walked away. Bhau Malli was particularly upset that the pots had been his very special ones, the ones made of copper. The brass and stainless steel utensils had not been touched. The thief, it seemed, had the same values as Bhau Malli-he, too, had a preference for copper vessels. This in itself was a surprise to Woof for copper pots are not half as durable as those made of the popular alloys, but Bhau Malli explained that copper was considered a metal of magical properties and had a curative value and, therefore, it was quite understandable that the thief had made such a careful selection. What's more, last year, too, a similar theft had taken place but then Bhau had not bothered much about it since only one copper mug had been stolen. He had, in fact, eventually come to believe that one of his five children had misplaced it somewhere in the vast reaches of the garden. Now, Bhau knew that he was the target of a thief, for this time six utensils had been taken.

Three days had now passed since the theft. Woof was a little doubtful that I would be able to untangle the scent of the thief from all those of the family and the various genuine visitors who had been there in the past few days. Bhau was of the opinion that one of his own relatives, in particular perhaps a young niece, had carried the pots away in a shopping bag. On that Republic Day, many of his relatives had come from the surrounding villages.

Woof groaned at the thought of tracking through the crowded bazaar and perhaps following a trail to some remote village.

But he needn't have worried. The trail led right across the road to the hotel opposite.

Yes, I caught the unfamiliar scent straightaway. Of course, the hut itself was full of numerous smells, some of them strange and obviously belonging to the relatives who had been there; but none of them had had reason to stand directly under the shelf from which the pots had been taken. There, under the shelf, I detected only one strange scent-that of the man who had reached up for the pots. It was Woof who deduced this and it was he who pointed me to the exact spot and set me on the track. After all my training and having solved so many cases, Woof and I had become quite a good working team. I understood what he wanted of me. And he was thrilled by my immediate response.

I set off slowly toward the main gate, with my nose to the ground. But at one point, the scent suddenly veered to the left. Following it, I came to the edge of the compound and a large rainwater pit that lay just beyond the straggling fence. The thief had been sensible; he had not carried the pots out of the compound for fear of being noticed-he had thrown his booty over the fence and collected it later. However, I didn't go sniffing off after the smell of the pots. The scent I had been given was that of the thief and I kept to it.

It turned back to toward the drive and went out of the main gate and, as I said,

that the man I was tracking was a sweeper, an employee of the hotel. When Woof mentioned this to Bhau, he said, "But there are many sweepers emp-

across the road, through a side entrance into

the vast grounds of a hotel. The man had

gone to a broom and continued sweeping

the dried leaves into little heaps all over the

compound. I naturally moved from heap to

heap. In a short while, Woof understood

loyed by the hotel." So I pressed on, till I reached the hut of this particular sweeper at the back of the main building. A woman and some children standing there moved aside at my approach. I led Woof and Bhau into the hut. There, lined neatly in row upon row on shelves, were many gleaming pots and pans. There were rows of crockery and glassware too. The man was obviously a specialist -specializing in the theft of kitchenware. But there was no sign of Bhau's goods. Again, the thief had been sensible. He had not put



Illustrations by Abdurahim Alireza

them out on display so soon after acquiring them. They were probably hidden somewhere safe. Or perhaps they had been sold. band was. She said he had gone to the

think it's necessary to take all that trouble. I ing and just tell him casually that we know who the thief is. Tell him that you are only interested in getting your pots back and, if be said of the matter; otherwise, of course, you will have no alternative but to expose the thief. I'm sure you'll get your pots

Bhau sucked in his breath, nodded eagerly and said, "Yes, yes." Then his face fell in dismay and he added, "B-b-but that sweeper is such a nice man. I know him

"I understand that. I realized you'd know him. After all, he's a neighborhood employee. That's why I suggest you merely talk to him without causing too much fuss. Otherwise, the man will, to say the least, lose his job, for I'm certain the hotel won't continue to employ him once we've proved

said, "I went to the p-p-p-pundit."

Bhau nodded, "He said I was going to get my pots b-b-back. He said the m-m-man who stole them lives in the same neighbor-

"Did you tell him that we had tracked the

Woof shook his head and sighed. "Bhau, you're impossible! If you've told the pundit all that we did, he's naturally going to say that you'll get the pots back!"

"And have you told the sweeper that you

know who the thief is?"

such things to him?" "Then," said Woof bluntly, "I'm afraid you'll never get your pots back. You can

forget about them." Bhau said simply and with finality, "The

(Concluded)

Woof asked the woman where her hus-

Woof now took me off the scent and turned to Bhau. He said, "So there you are. It's clear that the man who lives in this hut stole your pots. He might have sold them by now, of course, but I doubt it. He seems to like possessing copper pots. He's probably hidden them somewhere and, if we went on tracking, I'm sure we'd find them but I don't suggest you see she sweeper later this eventhey are returned to you, nothing more will

Two days later, Woof met Bhau. Bhau waved a sort of salute, grinned and

"Again?"

man?"
"Of c-c-course."

"It's not like that," Bhau said, then added

sagely, "He knows."

Bhau shifted uneasily on his feet and looked down. At last, he shook his head. "He's n-n-n-nice man. How c-c-can I say

pundit said I would get them back." The days passed. Nothing happened.

There was no sign of the missing pots. Bhau's wife could bear it no longer. She marched up to the sweeper and told him that we knew who the thief was; he admitted casually that his wife had told him about the dog that came tracking to his door.

The next morning the pots were found thrown about outside Bhau's hut. Someone had flung them in over the fence the previous night. Bhau's wife came to Woof and informed

him. When we got there Bhau was standing among his children, gaping with joy at the "Come on, Bhau, there's a little bit of

proving still left to be done." Bhau looked at Woof and said, "God has given me back the pots."

"Right," said Woof, "so let's go and meet the pundit." And saying that, he asked me to take the

scent from the pots. The sweeper's smell sizzled up my nose as strong as the odor of cowdung and as heady as Egyptian perfume. I searched the ground in widening circles till I caught the beginning of the trail. I crawled under the fence. Woof asked me to wait and I did till he and Bhau came round through the gate. Then I took them, as straight as the flight of an arrow, to the sweeper's hut. He was standing by the door but seeing us coming, he stepped inside quickly and shut the door. Woof called out

to me to stop. Then he turned to Bhau. "Is that proof enough for you? He's the man who threw

those pots in during the night."

Bhau moved his head in a semicircular, sideways movement. It was a gesture indicating agreement.

But in the afternoon Bhau came to Woof and said, "Everyone has given me some money. I'm making a c-c-c-collection."

"For what?"

"B-b-b-because I got my pots b-b-back." "Oh," said Woof with a smile, "you needn't buy anything for Ranjha. He likes helping friends." "It's not for the d-d-dog," Bhau said.

"It's to thank God. It's for the pundit. He b-back."

And so, to this day, in the vast garden of the bungalow opposite that hotel, you may see a gardener named Bhau Malli happily going about his chores, with a flower tucked behind his ear. Sometimes he will stop to pick up a hen's egg or pluck a berry that's ripe enough to eat. Sometimes he will talk to passing monkeys and sometimes he will stand, with his cap aslant on his head, talking to himself. If you listen closely, you might hear him muttering, "Yes, f-f-faith is the most important thing on earth."

And who is there to prove him wrong?

Arabian cuisine

With new training opportunities

South Pacific women learn new basic skills

By Asif Khan

SUVA, Fiji (Depthnews) - Indian choolahs, the simple stoves which use both charcoal and firewood and which can be built at virtually no cost from bricks and sand, could soon become a common feature of homes in Commonwealth countries of the South Pacific.

An enlarged version of the choolah has been installed at the Community Education Training Center in Fiji where students, all women, have been learning how to make and use it.

And it is proving quite popular with them, says the Center's principal, Mee Kwain Sue.
"We have modified it slightly to suit local needs," she said. "It's slightly bigger than a typical Indian choolah. in the Pacific, families are large and they are hearty eaters. It's ideal

It is just one example of simple technology to which the students are introduced during the 10-month community education training course run by the center.

The course is designed to equip them with skills that will contribute to their countries' development and help them play a greater role in community life.

The curriculum includes community health and sanitation, maternal and child care, clothing and textiles, small businesses and income-raising activities, family resource management, communication skills and education techniques and community develop-

The students also learn sewing; basic carpentry and joinery - making such things as tables and chairs, beds and cupboards; food storage; simple maintenance of machinery; hygiene; family planning and group leader-

Nutrition is another important part of their training. They learnt to grow cheap but nutritious vegetables and fruit in the center's own gardens.

The center's kitchen and staff provide them with a ready market for their produce. Miss Sue, a customer, said: "It's quite good. It's fresh and there is a vast difference in

Summing up the students' activities, she said: "Promoting self-reliance is our primary objective. We encourage them to use their

own resources." One of the students, Maria Tom, whose work in the Solomon Islands includes caring for poor and needy girls, said: "It is a very useful course. I have found out a lot about

"Previously, we would just feed the girls with whatever we grew. But now I have a better idea of what a balanced and planned diet should be."

Maria was among a group of nine women from eight Commonwealth countries in the

South Pacific who recently completed the course. They were sponsored by the Com-monwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), the developmental arm of the secretariat, under its fellowships and training

program.

The others were Tae Nootutai, from Cook Islands; Ruta Teve, from Tokelau; Juliet Antas, Vanuatu; Aterina Tooma, Kiribati; Selina Gaseloku, Solomon Islands; Akanesi Paongo, Tonga: Fuataina Moe. Western Samoa, and Siala Tausi, Tuvalu.

More than 10,000 men and women from 50-odd Commonwealth countries and associated states have received financial support from the program since it was started in



German industry, this advanced kitchen is the latest help for the handicapped. The many advantages include a central switchboard for stove hot plates and an oven that can be automatically raised or lowered, a sink so designed that dishes can be slid up or down from the draining area and a chair on wheels.

1972.
"Women in the Pacific are often forgotten when training opportunities are offered," said Miss Sue, a Fiji national of Chinese origin and a fluent speaker of Hindi, a major Indian lanaguage also spoken in the island. "So the CFTC awards for these women were

particularly welcome." Miss Sue trained as a teacher in Melbourne, Australia. Between 1980-81, she was assisted by the CFTC to follow a oneyear diploma course in rural social development at the University of Reading in Britain. She was the first local woman in Fiji to be

appointed to such a senior post. The Community Education Training Center was founded in 1963 by the South Pacific Commission (SPC). It focuses primarily on women and their role in improving community, family and village life. It has trained about 600 women since its inception.

The SPC, established in 1947, is a regional organization which aims to promote the economic and social development in the South Pacific whose four-and-a-half-million people live scatterd over an area of 30 million square kilometers.

The commission's role is an advisory and consultative one, and its programs cover a wide range of social and economic development activities. These are closely coordinated with those of the countries and territories of the Pacific for which it works.

In 1978, the center established a mobile training unit for community development to extend the training offered in Suva. The unit travels throughout the region,

holding courses of four to 10 weeks' duration at the request of governments. The center's objective is to teach women how to plan, practice and promote better family and village living. Course content is

kept under constant review to meet changing needs. Much emphasis is placed on practical Students come from throughout the Pacic to attend the courses in Suva; occasionally also from Australia and Asia. Up to 40 students aged between 18 and 60 attend each

Hearty peasant dishes JEDDAH — These are excerpts from the

forthcoming book, Arabian Cuisine, by Anne Marie Weiss-Armush: Many substantial Middle Eastern dishes

are based on burghol (cracked wheat), cal-

led bulgur by the Turks and bulghur by the Armenians.

Villagers in the Middle East reserve sackfuls of the harvested wheat to make burghol. The grain is washed and picked over to remove the stones. It is carefully washed and spread out on the flat roofs to dry. Before grinding, the wheat must be softened. It is placed in a large pan, covered

with water, and boiled until softened and

ready to crack open. Then it is drained and

spread on clean cloths on the roof to dry in

Many Arab homes still have in store the large stone grinder which was used to grind the burghol, although it is easier these days to take the grain to the local mill. Burghol stores easily and is especially

popular for winter dishes, when fresh vegetables are difficult to find. Coarse burghol is cooked into stews or boiled like rice for pilats. Finer burghol is used in kibbe and

tabboole. Mujeddara with burghol (Syria)

1 cup brown lentils 1 teaspoon salt

the sun.

1 liter water 1 beef boullion cube (optional) 1 1/3 cup coarse grain burghol, rinsed

72 carb oil carb oil 2 large onions, thinly sliced 1/2 olive oil cup salt black pepper

1. Place lentils (picked over and washed). salt, water, and optional boullion cube in a Teflon coated pan and simmer covered for up to 11/2 hours. A deep frying pan is best. The time will vary according to the lentils used, but they should be nearly tender.

2. Brown the burghol is oil until each grain is coated; about 5 minutes. 3. Add the burghol to the lentils along with additional water. It is difficult to estimate how much water the lentils will have absorbed, but you should need at least 3

cups for the remainder of the cooking.

Cover and simmer.

4. Saute the onions in oil until transparent. Add half of them and their oil to the burghol mixture. Continue frying the remaining onions until they are a dark golden color and nearly crispy. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

5. As the mujeddara simmers, taste for

seasoning and add sait and black pepper as necessary. The total cooking time for the burghol and lentils should be about 35-45 minutes. Keep the flame low to avoid burning the bottom of the dish and add small amounts of water if it is drying up too quickly. 6. Mound the mujeddara onto a serving

dish and top with the crispy onions and their cooking oil. Mujeddara is always served with generous amounts of yoghurt, which each person spoons on top of his dish. Although it is not common, some cooks would puree the lentils in a blender before

adding the burghol. Lamb and burghol % cup butter 11/2 cups coarse burghol, rinsed

i large onion, chopped 500 grams lamb, ground or coarsely chopped 2 tomatoes, peeled and chopped

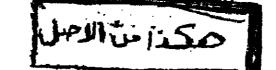
2 tablespoons tomato paste 1½ teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon or allspice 3 cups water

1 teaspoon salt 1. Using a coated sancepan, melt 1/2 cup of butter and toss the burghol in it until the grains are glazed and the butter absorbed. Remove from the pan.

2. Melt the remaining 1/4 cup of butter. Saut the onion and lamb until the meat shows no traces of pink. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste and seasonings and simmer for 5 minutes.

3. Pour on the water and salt and bring to the boil. Return the burghol to the pan. Reduce heat, cover and cook over low heat for about 25 minutes.





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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake : FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Exercise initiative in

romance. Your leadership qualities are to the fore. Hobbies, amusements and travel are favored now. TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20) You'll tackle those unfinished tasks around the house. Take home work from the office to stay ahead of the com-CEMINI

(May 21 to June 20) Morning hours find you in a mental slump, but later you'll dazzle others with your insight. Make important calls. CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) Action is needed now about a career endeavor. Your hunches are on the money. Creative types meet with chances to improve income.

(July 23 to Aug. 22) You may have been beating around the bush. Now's the time to speak forthrightly. Rest assured, others will

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Stop herming and hawing Take one task at a time and you'll make progress. Get the privacy you need.

Saudi Arabia 8:30 Opening, Quran — Friday Talk

- Family Innaview
- Honesty
- Religious Program
- Quran
- Friday Noou Prayers Live
- The Countryside of My
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- Noor Wa Hidaya
- Evens in a Work
- Children's Series (Dubbed)
- Outroons
- Ambre Series
- Children's Program
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- Sheikh Sharawi
7:00 English News
7:15 Knowledge and Puith
- Kuwakii Weekly Series Song
9:30 Arabic News
- Song
- Variety Songs
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3:41 Children's Show

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10:00 News Bahrain Channel 4

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2:00 Holy Oman
2:15 Religious Talk
2:30 Cartoons
3:00 Cartoons

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't worry about the impression a loved one will make on some friends. Together, yon'll all have a wonderful time. **SCORPIO**

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) No more excuses. A higherup wants to see results. Once you begin, it will be smooth sailing. Aim for the top. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll overcome a loved one's reservations about a planned outing. News from afar is welcome. Put selfimprovement ideas into motion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A plan you have doubts about will work. It's up to you to keep trying. Domestic and financial matters are happily highlighted. AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll gain the respect of a loved one if you exhibit greater confidence. Express those ideas that you've been keeping to yourself.
PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A small financial dilemma will be resolved in your favor. This is an excellent time for career strivings. Success is forthcoming.

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by THOMAS JOSEPH **ACROSS** 2 Үеал 1 Maine city 3 Genuine 5 Illimitable article (sl.)

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is

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Contract B. Jay and Steve Becker

at the moment is show a preference for partner's first suit. North's strength is

ingness to stop at a part score, and thus indicates that the first response was based on fairly minimum values. But if partner were now to bid three hearts you should carry on to four; you would be in the happy position of having greater values than your first two bids

2. Three chabs. This invites partner to go on to game with more than a minimum opening, but he is of course not forced to bid again. In this sequence, three clubs indicates

3. Three hearts. It would be wrong to bid only two hearts, which would represent a much weaker hand. Counting the value of the heart fit, the distribution and the 11 highcard points, you have the equivalent of an opening bid facing an opening bid — which means game. Accordingly, you jump-raise rather than give partner a simple preference in hearts. Alternatively, you could respond two diamonds (forcing).

4. Three netrump. It is clear that with 13 high-card points opposite an opening bid you must undertake game, and it is likewise clear that the best chance for game lies in notrump. There is not much point to bidding two diamonds, even though this would be a forcing bid. It would suggest a distributional hand rather than the notrump type of hand you have.

5. Four chabs. Game is highly likely, and even a slam is not out of the question. The distributional factors easily justify the jump raise (forcing), although it is true there are only 12 high-card points. While three notrump could prove to be a better contract, there is no way of reaching a notrump game without sacrificing the advantages of the jump raise.



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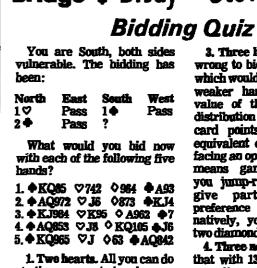






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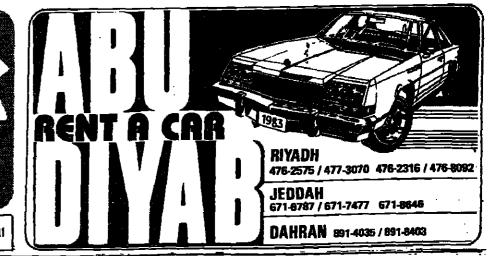


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Honduras fears war as U.N. debate begins

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MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 24 (AP)

— Troops of the leftist government and rightist Nicaraguan exiles from Honduras engaged in heavy fighting north of Managua, and Honduras said it verged on war with its Central American neighbor.

The ruling Sandinista junta dispatched 300 militiamen Wednesday to the northern city of Matagalpa to reinforce soldiers locked in fierce clashes in the El Dorado, Chachagua and Palo Prieto Hills in Matagalpa province, military sources said. Heavy combat also persisted near the towns of Quilali and Wiwili in neighboring Nueva Segovia province, they

"We are on the brink of an international war, a war between Nicaragua and Honduras," Honduran Ambassador Enrique Ortez told the U.N. Security Council Wednesday night in New Yorkas debate began on Nicaraguan charges that the United States

was sponsoring the exiles' invasion.

Nicaraguan Defense Minister Humberto Ortega warned Monday that Honduran support of the insurgents could spark war between the two countries. But the Honduran government Wednesday repeated denials that it was allowing Nicaraguan rebels to operate from bases within its territory. "Honduras is totally removed from and has

no responsibility for what may be bappening in Nicaragua," said a government communique released in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital. "In faithful fulfillment of the principle of non-intervention, there are no camps of anti-Sandinistas in our territory nor is any type of support provided to Nicaraguan insurgents."

American U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick told the Security Council that Nicaragua's fears of a U.S. invasion were a "myth," and that Nicaragua was "involved in a major effort to destabilize other governments," particularly those of El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

30 killed, 60 missing

LIMA, Peru, March 24 (AP) - An avalanche of mud and rocks crashed onto two Peru's central highway buses with 90 passengers aboard, killing at least 30 persons and leaving 50-60

persons missing and feared dead, civil defense said Thursday. An unconfirmed report said 14 other persons in a nearby shantytown also were killed in the slides. The new mudslides brought to more than 70 the number killed in mudslides and floods in

north and central Peru in the past five days. Scores still are unaccounted for.

Civil defense spokesman Victor Murillo said 15 bodies had been recovered so far from the two buses, buried in one of three landslides in pre-dawn darkness Wednesday about 30 miles from Lima. "Only six persons from one of the buses are known to have been saved," he said. Civil derense said four policemen in a Land-Rover behind the buses escaped the slides by

deliberately driving into the Rimac River and floating to the bank. The mudslides caused by torrential rains in the Andes foothills destroyed houses in a half dozen villages near the resort area of Chosica but civil defense said it had no estimate of damage or casualties. It said it could not confirm a newspaper report that the slum village of Pomaticia had been destroyed and 14 persons killed.

The mud and rocks caused new flooding along the Rimac River that supplies Lima with its water and blocked the central highway 35 miles from the Peruvian capital.

Thibault of France dies Misfortunes dogged 'enfant terrible' PARIS, March 24 (Agencies) - Prince Thibault d'Orleans, 35, the youngest son of vince her to purchase pre-Colombian art the pretender to the French throne, the from his gallery. Count of Paris, died of a heart attack Tuesday The prosecution contended the prince was night on a hunting trip in the Central African Republic (CAR), according to family sources. Initial reports reaching Paris Wednesday had said that he died in a hunting

accident. Prince Thibault was in his hunting camp in Bamingui, in the northwest of the country. when he died. He leaves his wife, Scottishborn Marion Gordon-Orr, and a five-yearold son, Robert. She left Paris Wednesday

night for the CAR. On Tuesday, Thibault drove with a guide the 450 kilometers from Bangui, the capital, to the Bamingui camp, and fainted several times during the trip. He died a few hours later from a heart attack. His body was flown to Bangui. The prince loved travel and drove through North and South America.

Thibault was known as the "enfant terrible" of his family because of a 1981 conviction for attempted burgiary.

A court in the southeastern French city of Tarbes sentenced the prince to a suspended one-year prison sentence after he had spent 14 months in jail while awaiting trial. His imprisonment marked the first time a member of the inner French royal family had been jailed since the ill-fated Louis XVI. The monarchy in France ended 135 years ago.

Thibault was convicted of participating in a failed burglary attempt March 30, 1980, at the Tarbes home of a wealthy physician, Suzanne Courty, who had an extensive art

Two men were arrested while climbing over a wall into the doctor's courtyard that night and later sentenced to three-year prison terms each. One of the men was a known criminal. The other man operated an art gallery in Paris with Prince Thibault. The gallery

was barely making ends meet. During the prince's trial, Dr. Courty told the court the prince knew of her art collection

and had been in her home 18 months before the attempted robbery in an effort to con-

the "third man" in the case and its mastermind. They also alleged the prince was behind the wheel of an automobile waiting outside Dr. Courty's home on the night of the aborted burglary. The car roared off before police, tipped off by an alarm system, reached the doctor's home. The prince was arrested a month later.

The conviction came during a string of misfortunes for the handsome Prince Thibault, one of 11 children of the Comte de Paris who is the pretender to the French throne and whose royal lines date back 1,000 years through King Louis Philippe and King Louis

Thibault was once considered a darling of "tout Paris," the name for the city's wealthy iet set crowd, and was known for his dashing manners and exotic trips abroad.

But then came marriage to a commoner, the displeasure of his father, the death of his infant son, his unsuccessful art gallery and the failed break-in that led to his conviction.

During the prince's trial, his friends testified Thibault's 1973 marriage to the beautiful dark-haired Marion Gordon had displeased the Comte de Paris, who had wanted his son to marry royalty.

The friends said the issue of his marriage came up again only three months before the attempted burglary when Thibault wanted to bury his infant son in the family crypt.

Paul de la Panouse, a close friend of the prince, testified he was with Thibault when he telephoned his father to tell him the news of the infant's death and to make funeral arrangements.

"The comte told him, 'your children are not royalty. There's no room in the crypt for him," Panouse told the court. "Thibault then said, 'but, papa, there's room. You can put him in my tomb. We can huddle together

when I die."

MANILA, March 24 (AFP) - President Ferdinand Marcos on Thursday warned his opponents not to "play politics with the internal and external security of the nation" over the controversial issue of nuclear weapons allegedly installed in United States military bases in the Philippines.

In an official statement, Marcos said that the firm principle that no nuclear weapons would be installed by the United States in its Philippine bases without consulting the host government had been affirmed.

Marcos was reacting to opposition charges that nuclear warheads had been installed at the Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base, two

London boy freed in mail bomb case because of his age.

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publicly released.

LONDON, March 24 (AP) - A 14-yearold London boy accused of mailing a letter bomb to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was released in parents' custody by a court Thursday. The youth, who was arrested at his north London home Wednesday, was ordered to appear in court for another hear-

He was not required to enter a plea during the brief hearing before juvenile court magistrates in the west London district of Hammersmith. The boy was not identified

"The generic technologies are by no means

mature, but they have been there for years,"

said the official, who spoke on condition he

not be identified. "What is being launched

today is a search for a plan." The official said

the United States now is spending about \$1

billion a year into various types of anti-

pletely independent" of the work by the pres-

idential commission seeking a basing system

The administration official insisted the

program would not violate the ABM treaty,

noting that it permits research and develop-

ment. Officials were vague on what type of

technology eventually would be employed, and gave no estimate of how much such a

During his speech, Reagan displayed four

black-and-white photographs taken by U.S.

spy planes of Soviet-supplied weaponry and

installations in Cuba, Grenada and

According to Pentagon officials, the pic-

He said the new effort would be "com-

missiles.

missile devices.

for the MX missile.

system would cost.

Marcos warns bases opponents major military installations within 90 kilometers of here.

> Top opposition leader and ABC chairman Lorenzo Tanada, a respected former senator, told Agence France-Presse that nuclear weapons have been installed in Clark and Subic and "there is nothing the Philippine government can do about it."

> ABC is planning protests timed with the start next month of the review of the Philippines-U.S. bases treaty, during which increased military and economic aid to the Marcos government - known here as "rent" for the bases -- from 1984-88 is to be deter-

His lawyer, David James, told reporters: "This young boy will be contesting the case and I request that the press and public recogmize the principle of his innocence until he is proved guilty."

He was charged with constructing an explosive device likely to endanger life and sending it through the mail to Mrs. Thatcher's official 10 Downing St. residence March 17. The device was intercepted at a central postal sorting office and safely defused.

tures marked the first time in 20 years that

reconnaissance pictures of Cuba had been

One picture purported to show a 28-square

mile Soviet communications intelligence

facility near Lourdes, Cuba. Reagan said the

complex, less than 100 miles (160-kms) from

the U.S. coastline and manned by 1,500

Soviet technicians, "is the largest of its kind in

MiG-23 aircraft at a field in western Cuba. A

picture of an airfield in Nicaragua purported

to show Soviet anti-aircraft guns and helicop-

A fourth picture showed a 10,000-foot

(3,050 meter) aircraft runway on Grenada,

along with fuel storage facilities and housing

for Cuban workers. Reagan said the pictures

demonstrate the Soviets "are spreading their

military influence in ways that can directly

challenge our vital interests and those of our

Reagan used a series of charts to document

the existence of a huge Soviet military buil-

Another picture showed Soviet-built

Umberto funeral draws thousands

HAUTECOMBE, France, March 24 (AP) - Shouting "long live the king," a crowd of several thousand people maintained a vigil outside Hautecombe abbey Thursday in the hours before the funeral of King Umberto II, Italy's last monarch.

Umberto, who was king for less than a month, is to be buried in the abbey among his ancestors from the House of Savoy.

Umberto died of cancer in Geneva, Switzerland, last Friday at the age of 78. His body was transported to the French abbey from Switzerland where he had lived in exile for 36

"For the Italians who are royalists, Italy is forever where the king is buried," said a general who fought with Umberto. "Here the king is buried in his own earth, his own soil."

Italian monarchists consider the abbey to be on Italian territory. Historically, the Savoy region of Umberto's ancestors was given back to France by the Italian king in 1860 when Italy was reunified.

In Italy, many Italians praised the exiled king as an honorable man punished for the errors of his family, and criticized the government for not allowing him home to die. A spokesman for the royal family in Rome said the last word Umberto uttered was "Italia."

Snow blankets American south

NEW YORK, March 24 (AP) - A rare spring snow storm blanketed parts of the American south with up to four inches of snow Thursday, shutting down schools and roads and closing all but one runway at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport.

Three inches of snow fell on northern Georgia. The National Weather Service called it "the heaviest snowfall for so late in the season" for the Atlanta area and said accumulations of up to six inches were likely before the storm ended.

Dogwood Trees, already budding with flowers because of unusually warm weather earlier this month, were shrouded with snow.

A Georgia Power Co. spokesman said snow-laden tree branches fell on power lines, causing scattered outrages for about 2,500 customers in the Atlanta area.

Meanwhile, another in a long line of Pacific coast storms sent mud sliding down southern California hillsides Thursday, and weather forecasters predicted up to two more inches of rain by nighfall.

The current storm had dumped one inch of rain on downtown Los Angeles by dawn, bringing the season's total to more than 251/2 inches. The normal amount for a full year ending June 30 is only 14 inches.

Violent spring weather in the United States has claimed 24 lives this week.

Lords uphold Sikhs' racial status

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) - The House of Lords Thursay decided that Sikhs belong to a separate racial group and are entitled to protection under a 1976 law on racial discrimination.

REVIEWING GUARD: King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden accompanied by Madrid's Mayor Tierno Calvan reviewed the honor guard

on arrival Wednesday at Madrid city hall. King Gustav and Queen Silvia are on their second day of a four-day official visit to Spain.

The decision by the five law lords - the highest legal authority in Britain overturned a ruling by Lord Denning that the law did not apply in the case of a school that would not admit a Sikh student becaue he refused to remove his turban.

An appeal on behalf of Gurinder Singh Mandla, who wanted to attend the Park Grove private school in Birmingham, had been backed by the Commission for Racial Equality.

But Lord Templeman said Gurinder could not comply with the school's uniform code without becoming a "a victim of discrimina-

Headmaster Audley Dowell-Lee, who argued his own case before the lords, later said he was disappointed with the decision. "It is restriction of traditional freedom of English independent schools," he said. "It gives special privileges to Sikhs. I think complete equality is much fairer."

Mrs. Gertrude Paul, of the Commission for Racial Equality, said the ruling was "a great breakthrough — a historical day for the Sikh community in this country."

Representatives of the 500,000 Sikhs in Britain this summer organized a campaign to obtain racial minority status. Gurinder, who went to another school after being refused admission to Park Grove in 1978, was not at the House of Lords for the judment Thurs-

Greece-U.S. talks make progress

ATHENS, Greece, March 24 (R) -Greek and U.S. negotiators have made progress in talks on the future status and operation of U.S. military bases in Greece and adjourned Wednesday until April, a government spokesman said here. The statement, by chief government spokesman Dimitrios Maroudas, was the most optimistic since negotiations started here last October.

He said Greek Foreign Undersecretary Yannis Kapsis and U.S. State Department official Reginald Bartholomew made progress on the three key issues - the level of defense aid to Greece, control of the bases, and a time limit on their presence. With the present phase ended, Bartholomew returned to Washington for consultations, Maroudas

"The talks will resume early next month which may be the final part of this phase of the negotiations," he said. Talks resumed last Friday atter an impasse said to have arisen after Greece demanded increased military

aid in return for the use of the bases.

Greece originally demanded one billion dollars to modernize its armed forces in 1984, informed sources said, adding that the current U.S. for next year totaled \$500 million. far above the \$280 million now being proposed to Congress.

The Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, which came to power in October 1981 on an anti-NATO and anti-bases platform, also demands a time limit for the withdrawal of the bases - two in Attica and two on the island of Crete - and closer supervision of their activities.

When the negotiations began, Greece said the first part of the talks would concern political issues. If that part was successful the talks would switch to technical matters. Maroudas said Wednesday night that the April round would complete the political part.

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Italy rejects Bulgarian's release plea

ROME, March 24 (AP) — A special tri-bunal on Thursday rejected a fresh request for freedom by Sergei Ivanov Antonov, the Bulgarian Airline official charged with complicity in the 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul

The court of freedom ruled that there was sufficient ground to justify the continued detention of Antonov who is being held in a Rome prison since his arrest Nov. 25. The court cited testimony by Magistrate

Ilario Martella, who leads the state investigation into the assassination attempt, and statements made by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist serving a life term for the attempted murder of the Polish-born pontiff. Lawyers for the Bulgarian had told the

court that Antonov was at his airlines office in Rome when John Paul was shot May 13, 1981. The court examined testimony by defense witnesses supporting his alibi but ruled it was not sufficient to allow his release in the light of Agea's testimony against him. The court turned down a similar request by Antonov's lawyers Dec. 5. Antonov is also

under investigation by Italian authorities on suspicion that he might have conspired to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa during his visit to Rome in January 1981. In addition to Antonov, two other Bul-

garians and four Turks have been implicated in the pope assassination plot.

Meanwhile, the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome denied a report by The New York Times that evidence from Bulgarian defector supports Agea's testimony that he was working for Bulgaria when he tried to kill the pope.

The Times said Iordan Mantarov, 48. a Bulgarian diplomat who defected to France in July 1981, told French intelligence agents that a plot to murder the pope was devised by the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency, and by the Bulgarian secret service.

Bulgarian Embassy spokesman Vassili-Dimitrov said Mantarov was never a diplomat nor a secret agent but a mechanic working for a Bulgarian factory Agro-Mascina-Impex in France until July 1981.

The spokesman added that Mantarov's allegations about Bulgarian involvement in the plot to kill Pope John Paul should bereconsidered in this light. He said Mantarov had "probably decided to use for his own purposes" the Italian judicial inquiry into alleged Bulgarian contacts with Mehmet Ali-Agea, the Turkish gunman jailed for shooting the pope.

Meanwhile, Lech Walesa said Wednesday that unidentified gunmen may have intended to kill him during trips to Geneva and Rome in 1981. Walesa said he was questioned by Polish police Monday about the alleged plots against his life.

In both incidents, the alleged attempts involved set-ups in which another Solidarity leader, Ryszard Kalinowski from the Baltic city of Elblag, acted as an unwitting accomplice of the would-be assassins, Walesa said.

in each case, men carrying guns appeared in places that Walesa was expected to be in the company of Kalinowski. Walesa could not be pinned down on details, and the exact identity and intent of the gunmen were not

Labor has edge, opinion poll says

DARLINGTON, England, March 24 (R) - The opposition Labor Party was favored to win a key parliamentary by-election Thursday, reversing its recent downward slide and dimming chances of an early general election

All public opinion polls gave Labor a voting edge over the ruling Conservatives and the centrist Liberal-Social Democratic alliance in Darlington, a northeastern industrial town where the recession has hit employment. Darlington's 60,000 voters went to the polls undeterred by unseasonal snow showers and a heavy turnout was predicted, with results due to be announced at 0030 GMT Friday.

A random survey of 539 electors telephoned for The Northern Echo newspaper gave Labor 38 percent of votes, Conservatives 32 percent and the Liberal-Social Democratic alliance 30 percent. The main parties had mounted a big effort to win the seat of former MP Ted Fletcher, who held it for Labor for 19 years until his death last month. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher sent seven ministers to campaign for Conservative candidate Michael Fallon.

A Labor win would ease pressure on 69year-old Michael Foot to quit the leadership of the opposition party. A campaign in some sections of his party to remove him mounted after Labor's humiliating defeat last month in a by-election in London's Bermondsey dock-

A poor Conservative showing would tell Mrs. Thatcher that her tight-money policies, blamed for boosting unemployment, are unpopular in the industrial north. It would be 2 major factor to be considered by Mrs. Thatcher in her calculations on whether to risk a general election in June or October or wait until early next year.

With the Conservatives riding high nationally, Mrs. Thatcher, whose term of office ends in May next year, is under pressure from party workers to go to the country soon.



